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ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HELD: ITALIANS RETREAT TO GONDAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, APR. 28 (UP).—WELL INFORMED QUARTERS TO-DAY CLAIMED THAT THE ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HAD BEEN STOPPED, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. THE ENEMY IS HOLDING SOLLUM VILLAGE, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH FORCES DESTROYED EVERYTHING OF VALUE BEFORE THEY EVACUATED.

BATTLE FOR U. S. CONVOYS

Action Follows Speeches

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The battle for convoys for Britain is now fully under way. Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast is widely regarded here as changing the idea of "Give us the tools" to "Deliver us the tools."

LINDBERGH FEELS HURT

Letter To President Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—In his letter of resignation to President Roosevelt, Colonel Lindbergh said: "Your remarks at the White House press conference on April 25 involving my Reserve commission have disturbed me greatly. I had hoped that I might exercise my right as an American citizen to place my point of view in peacetime without giving up the privilege of serving my country as a member of the Air Corps, but in view of the other implications which you, my present superior officer, made concerning my loyalty to my country, my character and my motives, I see no honourable alternative to tendering my resignation as Colonel in the Air Corps Reserve."

Utmost Regret

"I take this action with the utmost regret, for my relationship with the Air Corps was one of the things that meant most to me in my life. I place it second only to my right as a citizen to speak freely to my fellow countrymen and discuss with them the issues of war and peace which confront the nation in this crisis. I will continue service to my country to the best of my ability as a private citizen."

Defends Lindbergh

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—Mr. William S. Thomas, son of the Socialist leader, Norman Thomas, came to the support of Colonel Lindbergh to-day by issuing a statement that the flyer was a victim of a "crude and vicious campaign of slander and smear. To call Lindbergh a Fascist, a Nazi or a Communist is absurd," he declared.

B. E. F. Arrive In Alexandria

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Rome newspapers state that the first contingents of the British Expeditionary Force in Greece have disembarked at Alexandria, says a Rome dispatch.

De Gaullists At Borders Of French Somaliland

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French forces supported by British motorised units are massed on the southern frontier of French Somaliland, particularly in the neighbourhood of Daoulet Station on the Djibuti-Addis Ababa Railway, according to a dispatch from Djibuti, capital of French Somaliland.

The official French news agency says that the French Government has issued the "necessary instructions" and that "there can be no question of our colony entering into negotiations with the Free French." The agency adds that other Free French forces are believed to have landed in Zeila in the northern part of British Somaliland.

Spontaneous Revolt
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French Headquarters state that the "Victims" Government is circulating rumours concerning Free French forces supported by British units near the French colony of Djibuti.

It is also declared that the capture of Dessie has put the British troops at the cross roads leading to Assab and Gondar. The bulk of the fighting occurred at the Kombolchia Pass, 14 miles south of Dessie. As the British came over the Pass they saw Italian reinforcements coming up, but these were later swept away in the British torrent.

SORTIE ON BARDIA

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Germans had great difficulty in finding the British force which carried out the destructive raid on the Libyan port of Bardia, according to a broadcast by the German wireless to-night.

The announcer described how detachments of storm troops were sent out in pitch darkness following a call for help from a German wireless car. The car was found empty but there was no sign of the British.

Suddenly there were heavy detonations from several places. The announcer claimed that eventually one major, two captains and 65 other ranks were captured.

Italians Retire

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction is felt in Cairo military circles at the fall of Dessie which is on the main road from Addis Ababa to northern Abyssinia.

Dessie is also at the junction of the road leading northwest to Gondar where the Italians still hold out, and that running northeast to the Red Sea port of Assab. The Italian forces defending Dessie were actually defeated at Kombolchia Pass 14 miles to the south. It is possible that a part of the Dessie garrison has withdrawn towards Gondar, which is north of Lake Tana.

Prisoners In Norway Include Germans

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Included in the latest list of 143 political prisoners in Oslo's principal gaol are many well-known Norwegians—ship-owners, editors, teachers and a Supreme Court judge—two British prisoners of war and several German and Spanish refugees, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The prisoners also include three German S.S. men and a German major, apparently the result of frequent internal quarrels in the German civil and military forces.

Canadians Prepared To Hear Of Defeats

OTTAWA, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—During a review of the war situation, Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, warned the House of Commons that there would be more reverses on land and at sea but "as long as Britain stands no reverse will be decisive."

Portsmouth Hard Hit Furious Air Blitz

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTSMOUTH, Apr. 28 (UP).—Townpeople to-day rummaged through the wreckage of their homes searching for loved ones or what few possessions that could be salvaged after one of Portsmouth's worst bombing raids.

Early this evening, survivors of the blitz joined hundreds of others on the hills surrounding the smoking town to sleep in schools, barns, private houses and even the fields.

The raid last night was more brief than most blitzes. Others were engaged in digging into the ruins of a hotel where an unknown number of guests were buried alive. Seven rescuers were killed when a bomb hit them while digging in the wreckage of a building. Three hospitals were hit. One raider was shot down in flames into the sea while another was thought to be destroyed.

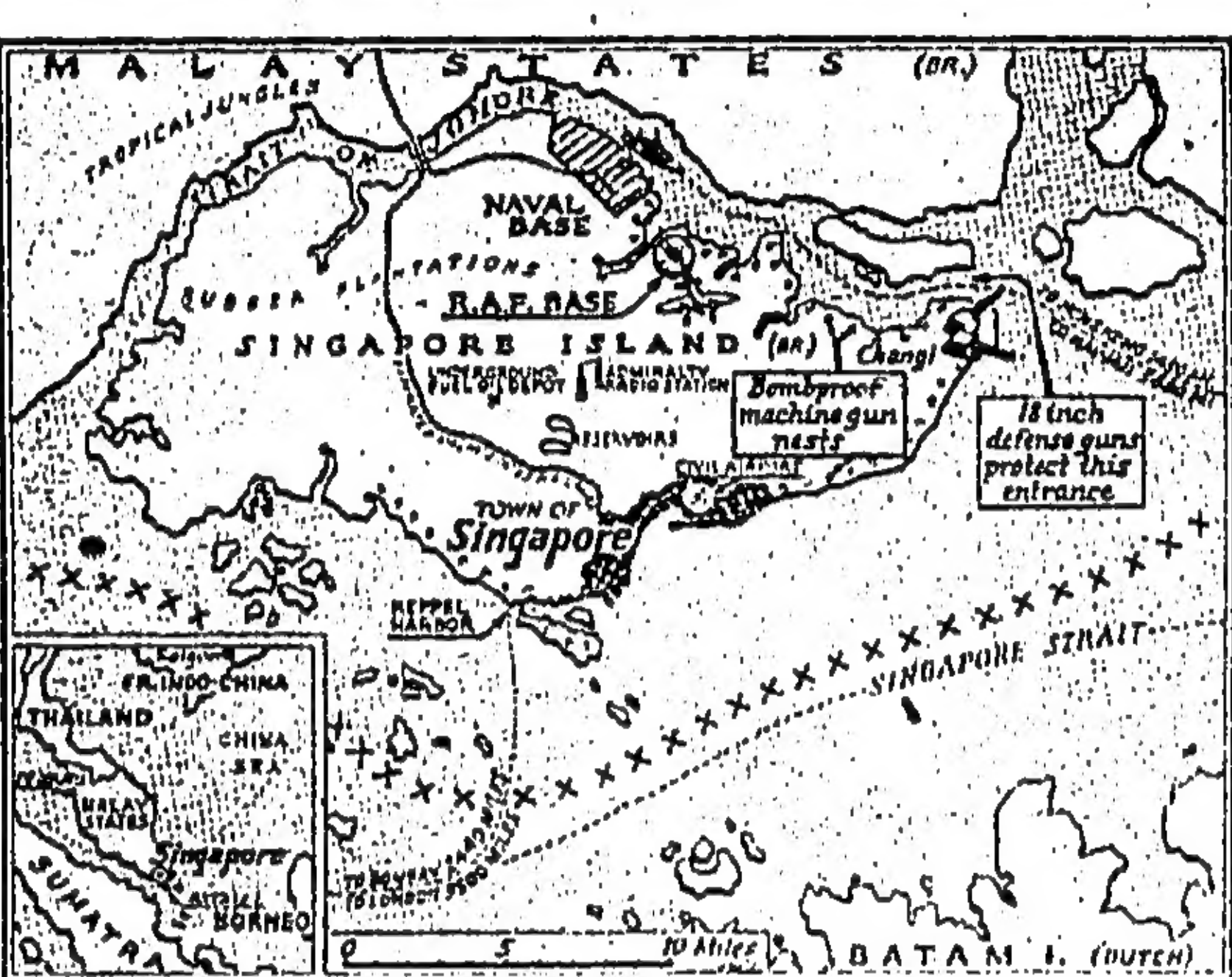
War Courts For Britain

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—War Zone Courts to operate in any area invaded or heavily bombed have been formally established throughout England and Wales.

An order has been made by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, under the Defence Regulations dividing the country into 12 districts, broadly corresponding to the Civil Defence regions. A number of High Court Judges will be appointed to act as Presidents of the Courts which cannot function until an area has been declared a war zone by the Minister of Home Security. Only cases of crime calling for speed will be dealt with and a panel of judges will review death sentences or other cases where the President of a Court certifies that there should be a review.

BRITAIN'S FAR EAST FORTRESS

This map of Singapore, published recently in the American newspapers "PM", illustrates not only the general course of the mine field laid in the Straits of Singapore during recent weeks, but gives the artist's impression of the strategical defences of the island. Singapore is Britain's fortress of the Far East.



R. A. F. "Suicide" Warplanes Attack German Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Defying a heavy storm of A.A. fire, British Blenheim bombers to-day pressed home an attack from a low altitude on two enemy destroyers escorting supply ships off the Dutch coast.

Their bombs were seen to strike home and one of the enemy warships was later seen spouting a great volume of smoke and came to a standstill, says the Air Ministry.

Schoolboys' Death Leap From Blazing Coach

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, were killed and seven were injured when they jumped from a blazing coach at the rear of a mid-day London-Newcastle express to-day near Claypole, Lincolnshire.

IRAN & IRAQ British Troops Sway Opinion

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The arrival of British troops in Iraq has had a most reassuring effect upon Iran public opinion in view of the close ties between Iraq and Iran, which are linked by the Saadabad Treaty.

A certain section of the Iran press, however, has played up news of the German successes in Greece and the advance in Libya, according to reliable news received in London, states "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent.

Cawnpore Riot Suppressed

BOMBAY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A clash between Muslims and Hindus occurred in a busy part of Cawnpore to-day.

The police fired on the mob and ten persons were wounded. The situation there is tense and the District Magistrate has ordered the arrest of more than five persons. The situation in Bombay shows an improvement, and Ahmedabad is quiet.

Invasion Threat To Malaya Exists Says G. O. C. In Frank Interview

By Harold Guard
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Apr. 28 (UP).—Lieutenant General L. V. Bond, General Officer in Command of Malaya in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" to-day declared that the "threat of invasion of Malaya definitely exists and it would be foolish to think otherwise."

He asserted that the defences in Malaya had been tremendously improved and increased since his appointment to the post in July 1939, but was smilingly tongue-tied when asked for comparative figures. "Two years ago, only Singapore Island was garrisoned, now we have troops throughout the peninsula.—We no longer think of defending the island only," he said.

Questioned regarding the additional reinforcements, General Bond said it was obvious that ample troops were available. "They seem to arrive on almost every ship nowadays," he asserted.

Stronger Air Force

Regarding American aid, General Bond paid tribute to the American planes, saying, "Malaya's air forces are infinitely stronger than ever before which is most essential for the defence of this country because potential invaders must have bases available from which they could launch large scale air attacks." Other than planes, Malaya is at present receiving only American tommy guns, trucks and lorries but no other military supplies.

General Bond declined to comment on the likelihood of either a land or sea invasion; however, he said that the attackers would face very different and distinct problems with land communications from the north than they had experienced elsewhere, adding with a smile, "also, they won't have any fifth columnists to help them here."

Japan Too Late?

The General asserted that the possibility of United States naval intervention might prove a deterrent to an invasion from the sea; "however, the more recent and more definite indications that the United States might intervene in both the Atlantic and the Pacific might prompt Japan to act more quickly, although it seems that they might have left it a bit late now."

He agreed that Japan's policy seems to follow a parallel course with her Axis partners and their progress in Europe and therefore the Greco-Balkan situation might presage a new Japanese southward move. In this connection the General cited to-day's reported renewed Japanese press attacks against Indo-China, demanding a more sincere attitude towards Japan; however, he was of the opinion that the Russo-Japanese agreement will not assume much significance. "Russia had a non-aggression pact with Finland, you will remember," he declared.

New G. O. C. Soon

The interview was concluded with a very strong declaration of confidence in the Imperial forces and their ability to defend the entire Malay Peninsula. The General said that he would be leaving shortly to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom and that his successor would be Major-General A. E. Percival, former G.S.O. in Malaya from 1930 to 1938.

Soothing Statement By Japanese Envoy

MELBOURNE, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Japan has no intention of moving against Australia, declared Mr. Tatsuoka Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, in reply to-day to recent statements made here.

He said that it was the ambition of the Japanese to expand trade relations between the two countries. Mr. Kawai called on the Australian Labour Leader, Mr. John Curtin, and had over one hour's conversation. Mr. Curtin afterwards said that they had a full and frank discussion on international affairs and that he would return Mr. Kawai's call.

LATEST

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain to-day was very slight. A few bombs were dropped on the northeast coast of Scotland and on the east and northeast coast of England, but very small damage was done. Few people were injured, says the official British communique.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Nat. Gossells and His Georgian.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m. Aldershot Tattoo, 1938—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

6.50 Sea Shanties and Songs by Portsmouth Royal Naval Singers.

7.00 London Relay—"The News."

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward in Variety—"Where Are the Songs We Sing?" Noel Coward (Baritone); "Crest of the Wave" (Selection); "The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; The Physician, Experiment (both from 'Nymph Errand').... Gertrude Lawrence (vocal); Conversation Piece—Selection (Noel Coward).

8.30 An Eric Coates Programme.—Four Ways Suite—Northwards (March)—Southwards (Valse)—Eastwards (Eastern Dance)—Westwards (Rhythm)—New Light Symphony Orchestra; Bird Songs At Eventide—Richard Crooks (Tenor); London Bridge March—New Light Symphony Orchestra; The Fairy Tales of Ireland, Easie Ackland (Contralto); By the Sleepy Lagoon.... Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—"The News."

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 1: "What is Wrong with the Old World?"—Record talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.32 Magyar Lore and His Hungarian—Gypsy Orchestra.

9.45 Some Scottish Songs by Joseph Hislop (Tenor), and Jean Day (Soprano).

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 Studio—"China Produces for Resistance."

Talk by Rowell Alley.

10.10 Hawaiian Selections with Bing Crosby (Vocal).

10.35 Dance Music—Fox-Trot—When You Wish Upon a Star, Quickstep—Give a Little Whistle (both from film "Pinocchio").... Gerald and His Savoy Hotel Orchestra; Tangos—Clasico, Llorar y Reir.... Juan Lloas and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade, Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-night?.... Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Down the Trail of Dreams, Faithful Forever.... The Organ, The Dance Band and Mc.

11.00 Close Down.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to 30th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th April, 1941.

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Adrift In A Dinghy

Rescued By Soldiers

Adrift in a 10-ft dinghy in pitch darkness after having battled with the wind and waves for several hours, was the uncomfortable experience of Mr. A. David, tailor, of Alexandra Building, his wife and brother, Moses, near Green Island on Sunday. The party were fortunately rescued by a party of soldiers who went to their assistance in a sampan, and are none the worse for their ordeal.

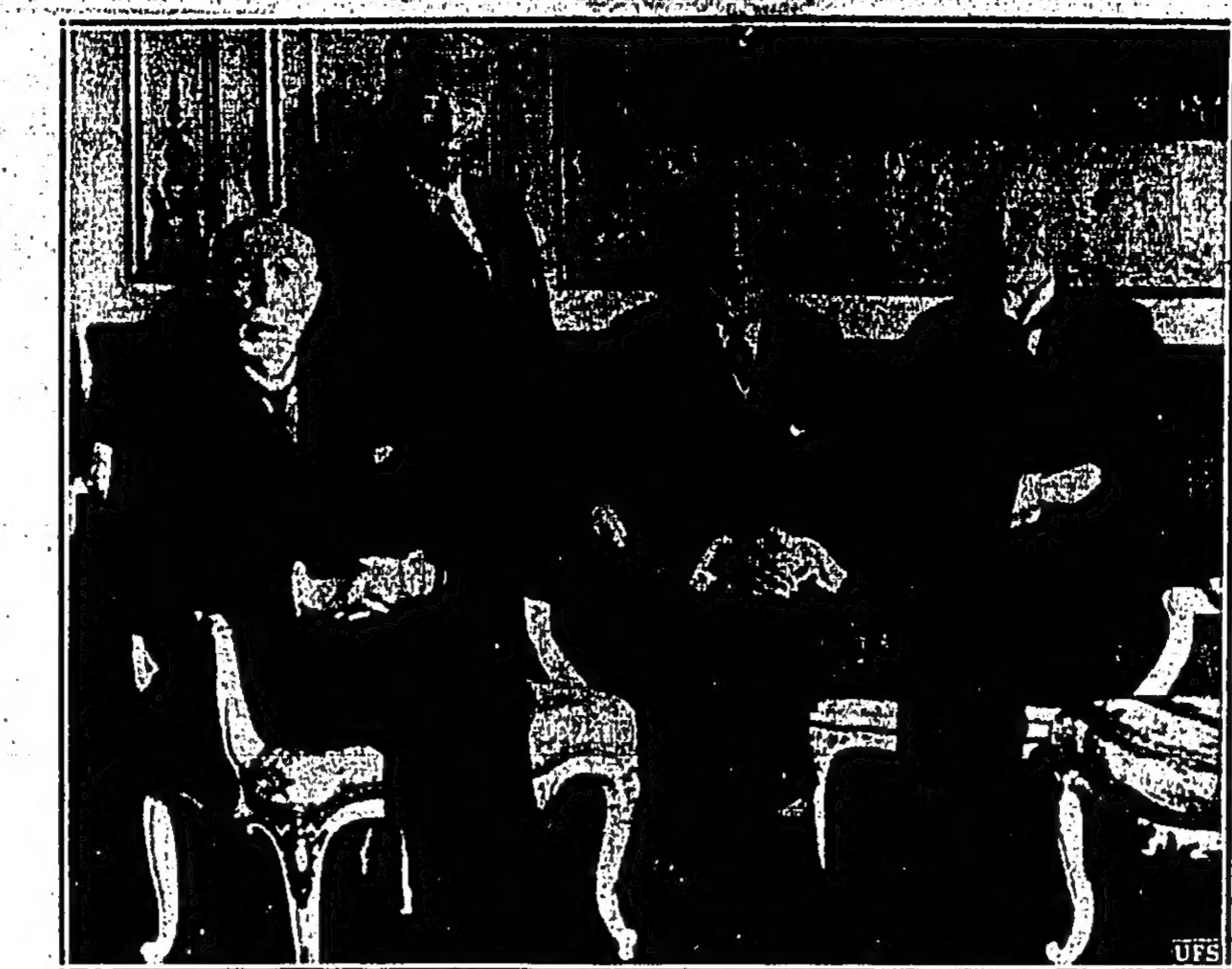
The party left Lai-chikok Beach in the dinghy Doreen, about 10 a.m. on Sunday, but the sea became rough and they were blown off their course. A ship was eventually made at an island opposite Green Island from about 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. while they waited for the wind to die down. The weather did not improve, and Mr. David decided to take a chance and head towards West Point.

About four hours were spent in trying to reach the island, but at 10 p.m. they had only reached a point between Green Island and Queen Mary Hospital. Oars were then used, but, after an hour's rowing without effect, the dinghy's anchor was dropped. It failed to touch bottom, and one of the oars was lost in the excitement, and the boat drifted.

All three occupants then yelled for help, but it was not until about midnight that they were caught in the beam of a search-light and towed ashore by a party of soldiers who had come along to investigate.

Mrs. David's first words on getting ashore were: "I thought this was the end for us."

Mr. David would like to express his thanks and appreciation to the soldiers for all that was done for them that night.



ROYAL KIN—Interesting picture of Royal brothers, taken at a recent reunion in Stockholm, Sweden. From left: Prince Oscar, 81; Prince Eugen, 75; King Gustaf of Sweden, 82, and Prince Carl, 80. They are sons of King Oscar II, who ruled over Sweden and Norway until Norway broke from Sweden in 1905. Combined ages of the four total 318 years.

Built Complete Street Inside A Warehouse

Mr Thomas Sheppard, of Hull, always liked doing things that were difficult. He saw a model ship built in a bottle. So he built one himself. And so he went on.

Then one day he worked out something really hard to do. And to-day, after five years, he has built a complete street inside a warehouse—and moved 30 ancient buildings hundreds of miles, stone by stone, to do it.

Mr Sheppard is Director of Hull Municipal Museums. The street he has built is complete to the tiniest detail. Pavements and cobble-stones are centuries old. There is a plumber's shop built before the year 1600 and a 140-years-old public-house.

The public-house was once the White Lion Hotel, in Hull, down for demolition in a slum-clearance scheme.

Mr Sheppard had it pulled down and taken to the warehouse, where it was rebuilt exactly as before, complete with fittings, carvings, pumps and bottles.

The feat of which Mr Sheppard is most proud was that of taking a chemist's shop, brick by brick, from Sunderland to Hull and rebuilding it. "We had every brick and every piece of carved wood numbered and photographed before we started to pull the shop down," Mr Sheppard said.

"Each piece was put in its proper place when we rebuilt the shop in Hull."

"Work of building the street has been done by the museum-staff, and the only expenditure, apart from their wages, was for transport charges."

Clue Of Top Hat
The age of the White Lion Hotel was discovered when it was found that one of the wood carvings in it depicted a policeman in the top-hat and frock coat uniform of 140 years ago.

The 400-years-old plumber's shop had previously been converted from the King's Head Inn, said to be the oldest building in Hull.

Once Mr Sheppard had interested the public in his scheme he soon got the things he needed—even rare and expensive Adams fireplaces.

Parked in the middle of the street there are stage coaches and the earliest types of motor-car. One of the stage coaches, from Exeter, is 200 years old.

The street is about 50 yards long, with 15 shops on each side. It will be ready in a few weeks.

Beaverbrook Thanks Dodwell
The following telegram has been received by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production:

"It is with immense gratitude that I have learned of the contributions made by the staff of your Company in the Far East to the gift of a Spitfire for the Royal Air Force."

"They show a spirit of generous devotion to our Cause that is an inspiration and an encouragement to the people of Britain and I send to them all my warmest thanks."

Lord Mayor's Fund
The following letter, dated February 18, has been received from Mr. A. W. Hersee, Secretary, Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, London:

"I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 20, last, enclosing a draft for £15.10.0 the equivalent of £250, Hongkong Currency, donated by one of your readers to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund, for which I thank you."

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The Director of Medical Services acknowledges the receipt of £200 from the Hongkong Red Swastika Society for defraying the cost of renovating the school buildings at Tai Hang Squatters Camp, which were damaged during the recent stormy weather.

Own Passport
On the passport he composed somewhat lyrically to replace German credentials he says he tossed overboard at the outbreak of war, he proclaimed himself a "citizen of the world" and bespoke "protection under the goodwill of the world."

The port authorities were impressed by the literary nature of the passport held by the skipper, George John Dibben, born in Kiel, Germany.

But they sealed his vessel, the Te Rapunga, and put him right back where he was in the last war—an internment camp.

Press Comment
A New Zealand newspaper darkly suggested that "from the very nature of his arrival Dibben and his yacht could have been in position to assist proving Nazi raiders."

POLICE RESERVE

Orders Issued For Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. F. Pennefather, Commissioner of Police, for the coming week are as follows:

General

The Star Ferry Company, Limited, has been instructed to post up on its Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves the Weekly Orders commencing from this date.

Squad Drill

Through the courtesy of Lieut.-Colonel D. J. McDougall, M.C., Commanding the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, the Murray Barracks Parade Ground has been allotted to the Police Reserve on Wednesdays from 5.15 p.m. commencing April 30.

C.C.s are instructed to arrange weekly Squad Drill Parades and fullest advantage is to be taken of the opportunity now afforded for efficiency and smartness.

Chinese Company

Strength, Constable (R) 61 John Wong has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company, as from April 22.

Police Sergeant (R) 2 Chan Tak-chiu has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from date.

Commendation, Constable (R) 2353 Un-Man-wai is commended by the Commissioner of Police for seam and alertness in arresting Chinese male April 12, 1941, who was convicted for larceny from the person.

Training Course—Part I. Those detailed will attend Murray Barracks Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, April 30, at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instruction in Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Channan Singh on Tuesday, May 5, at 5.15 p.m. and May 7 at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

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Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Emergency Unit Reserve

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the Emergency Unit Reserve "A" and "B" Companies will parade at Murray Barracks Parade Ground on Wednesday, April 30, at 5.15 p.m. sharp for a general inspection by the Company Commander. Dress—Khaki uniform, cap with khaki cover, belt with brace, whistle and chain and runcheon to be carried.

Training Course—Part I. Members of the "B" Company will attend Police Reserve Headquarters on Friday, May 2, at 5.15 p.m. for Part I of Training Course. Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

GIFT TO FIGHT PNEUMONIA

The Duchess of Kent has accepted, on behalf of the Greek nation, a gift of 1,000,000 anti-pneumonia tablets to combat the disease prevalent in Greece. The tablets are valued at £20,000, and 20,000 have already been sent by air mail.

"Fellowship Of Bellows"

Hongkong Chapter

With the object of collecting funds for the Royal Air Force, it has been decided to found a Hongkong Chapter of the "Fellowship of the Bellows."

The "Fellowship of the Bellows" originated in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 14, 1940, with the aim of collecting money for the R.A.F., and businessmen in the Colony having read of the success of the scheme in English language papers throughout the world, have decided to promote such a Society in Hongkong.

Admission to the Fellowship in this Colony is granted upon payment of H.K.\$2, in return for which a new member receives a badge and a booklet. He or she is then given a Fellowship number which will be recorded on the first page of the booklet.

The scheme is based upon the monthly contributions of one cent, Hongkong currency for every plane brought down by the British land, sea and air Forces during the month in every theatre of the war.

Method of Scoring

The score will be ascertained from the right authorities in the Colony and will be published in the paper every month. The score so published will be the only score for the month and contributions for the month will be based solely upon the score given.

In order to maintain interest, a scheme of promotion in the Fellowship has been worked out which is fully explained in the booklet. The newly joined member known as a "Whiff" is entitled to become a "Puff" only when the R.A.F. have brought down 1,000 enemy planes from the month in which he or she joined the Fellowship and provided that the contribution i.e. H.K.\$10 for the 1,000 planes, has been paid.

It has been decided in the Colony to ask various public companies to have collecting boxes in which members may put their monthly contributions. Every member will be provided with 12 envelopes on which will be printed their Fellowship number. The member puts his or her contribution in the envelope and places the envelope in the collecting box. The rest will be taken care of by the Servants of the Bellows.

Voluntary Contributions

For those who feel their pockets are heavier than air, they may at any time they please make a contribution to the fund which will be known as a "Windfall" but which will be no way effect their promotion. Promotion can only be determined by the number of planes brought down by the British Forces.

The local Society of the Bellows has based all essential points on the original Society's scheme from the Argentine and it is hoped that all patriotic minded people will help to enrich the R.A.F. by joining when and if they can.

In Buenos Aires, a group of young Britons and Anglo-Argentines, mostly junior executives in Ernst, Berg & Co., formed, half in fun and half in earnest, the "Fellowship of the Bellows," with the object of "raising the wind" for purchasing Hurricane and other fighter planes for the R.A.F.—it was decided that each member contributes one Argentine centavo (four cents Hongkong currency) for each Axis plane downed during the month. Thus, in October last, the Fellowship's 3,000 members each paid in 288 centavos or 2.88 pesos for the 288 enemy planes noticed up by the R.A.F. that month. This totaled just over £500. By the end of November the membership was 15,000. The November score was 293 enemy planes and the take better than £2,500, (a Hurricane or Spitfire costs about £5,000).

Meantime, their "Fellowship of the Bellows" has blown into Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile.

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ACROSS

- 1—Pertaining to law
- 2—Small river-duck
- 3—Became threatening
- 4—Supply again with a
- 5—Violating attachments
- 6—Fundamental part
- 7—Social insect
- 8—Malicious fire-setting
- 9—Balls
- 10—Dust cap
- 11—Long seat
- 12—Looks at amorously
- 13—Reflected sound
- 14—Kiss
- 15—Ancient belt
- 16—Brood of eels (pl.)
- 17—Strikes
- 18—Apparatus for making
- 19—Lower
- 20—Torn
- 21—Palms
- 22—Of uniform height
- 23—Genus of birds
- 24—Excess of solar year
- 25—Over 12 lunar months
- 26—Frog
- 27—Ball
- 28—Bait
- 29—Proceed, as from
- 30—Overthrow
- 31—One who packs

DOWN

- 1—Seeds used as food
- 2—Terminate
- 3—Festivity
- 4—Bour and satirical
- 5—Holder of property
- 6—Dishes
- 7—Fish
- 8—Fruit drinks
- 9—Urban dweller
- 10—Pertaining to state
- 11—Conduct affairs of
- 12—Whole
- 13—General destruction
- 14—Symbol
- 15—At one time
- 16—Obvious
- 17—Are in accord with
- 18—Series of steps over
- 19—Perforated
- 20—Sense of touch
- 21—Yellowish color
- 22—Kind of sailors
- 23—Line
- 24—Beraglio
- 25—Teach
- 26—Toothed wheel
- 27—Hindu manifesta-
- 28—Upper House
- 29—Make happy
- 30—Frightful
- 31—Gentleman's landed
- 32—Vile
- 33—Insulting reproach
- 34—Wide opening of
- 35—Small rodents
- 36—Cool mound
- 37—At present

Rupert Brooke—Poet-Soldier

His Message Lives

The war in Greece and the occupation by the Germans of Lemnos and other islands in the Aegean recalls the memory of Rupert Brooke, the young poet-soldier. He lies in Skiros, the Isle of Achilles, one of the loveliest of the Isles of Greece.

Of him Mr Winston Churchill said:—"Rupert Brooke's thrilling voice has been swiftly stilled, but its message lives. In his incomparable war sonnets he told, with all the simple force of genius, the sorrow and triumph of youth prepared to die for a noble cause. And he himself died in the absolute conviction of the rightness of his country's crusade."

Probably the loveliest of those war sonnets, as it is the best known, is "The Soldier" which I quote in part:—

"If I should die, think only this of me;
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home."

Rupert Brooke was only 28 when he died. He was on his way to fight at Gallipoli, and his transport, the Granatully Castle, put into the Bay of Skiros.

Brooke and his friends scrambled joyously up and down the steep slopes of that exquisite island—an island like a great rock-garden of white and pink marble overgrown with every kind of wild flower, and everywhere splashed with great patches of vivid anemones.

They rested in the shade of an olive grove. Five days later, on April 23, 1915—the day of Shakespeare and of St George—Brooke was buried under those very trees. He died from acute blood poisoning on board the French hospital ship, the Duguay-Trouin, which happened to be at Skiros.

His friends dug his grave and lined it with the gayest wild-flowers they could gather, and the sailors carried him at night by the light of lanterns up the steep, flex-bordered path. As the poignant notes of the "Last Post" rang across the moonlit bay, Rupert Brooke's soldier comrades recalled his exulting sonnet, "The Dead":—

—By
M. M. GORRIE

"Blow out, your bugles, over the rich dead!"

There's none of these so lonely
and poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer
gifts than gold.
These laid the world away;
poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up
the years to be
Of work and joy, and that un-
hoped serene.
That men call age; and those
who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their im-
mortality."

The bronze statue of the young poet on Skiros—"Rupert's Island," his friends call it—stands high above the beach, silhouetted against sea and sky. The inhabitants of Skiros gave the ground and the marble for its base, and the statue itself is the gift of men and women in all corners of the world.

On the pedestal is a medallion of the poet's head and the simple inscription:—"To Rupert Brooke, and Immortal Poetry."

On the outbreak of war Brooke had joined the Naval Brigade, and in October 1914 took part in the expedition for the relief of doomed Antwerp. Writing to a friend, he says:—

"I saw a city bombarded and 100,000 refugees. Antwerp was like several different kinds of hell. The Germans' policy of frightfulness succeeded well. I'll never for-

get that white-faced endless procession of broken people. It's ghastly for anyone who liked Germany as well as I did. Their guilt can never be washed out. I'm afraid fifty years won't give them the continuity and loveliness of life back again. And now I've a feeling of anger at a seen wrong—Belgium—to make me more resolved in my work. The central purpose of my life now—the thing God wants of me—is to get good at beating Germans."

And back in Blandford camp, in the sublimation of spirit engendered by the solemn dedication of his life to this end, his "1914" war sonnets were conceived—"my five camp-children" he called them when writing to a friend.

Brooke saw and loved "the beauty that lives among the common things." He writes:—

"These have I loved,
White plates and cups clean
gleaming;
Soft furs to touch, and feathery
farcy dust.
Wet roofs beneath the lamplight;
the strong crust
Of friendly bread; and many
tasting food.
The cool kindness of sheets,
that soon
Smooth away trouble; and the
rough male kiss
Of blankets; grainy wood; the
keen
Unpassioned beauty of a great
machine."

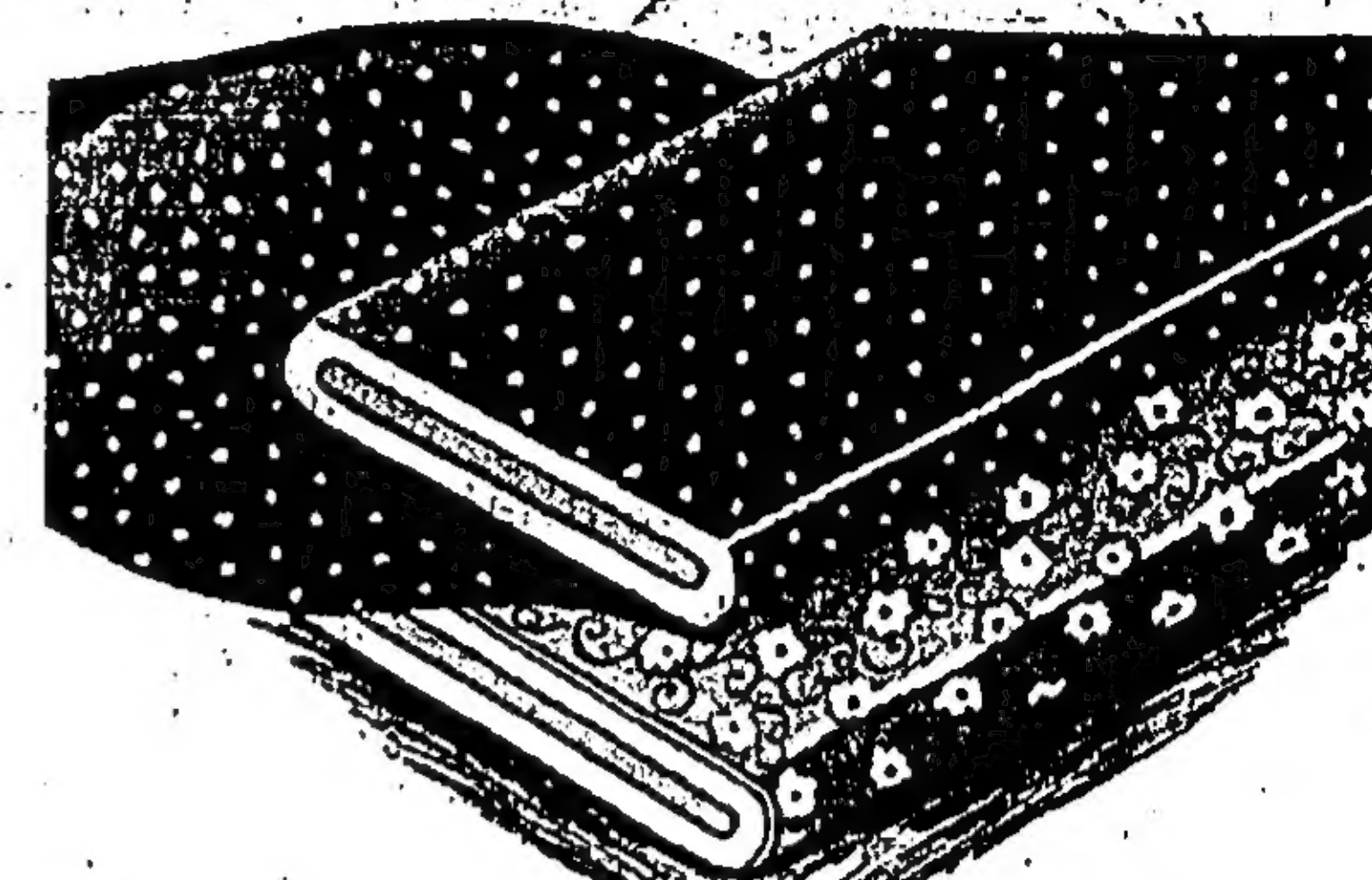
Both at Rugby and at King's College, Cambridge, he was steeped in the Hellenic tradition. Poetry was born in Greece; thus Brooke lies buried in the land of his spiritual birth.

And he and all the other sons of Britain who lie in the "corners of those foreign fields that are for ever England" must surely watch with infinite pride, their sons' gallant response to the message of the Flery Cross of Freedom. Their sacrifice will not and must not be in vain.

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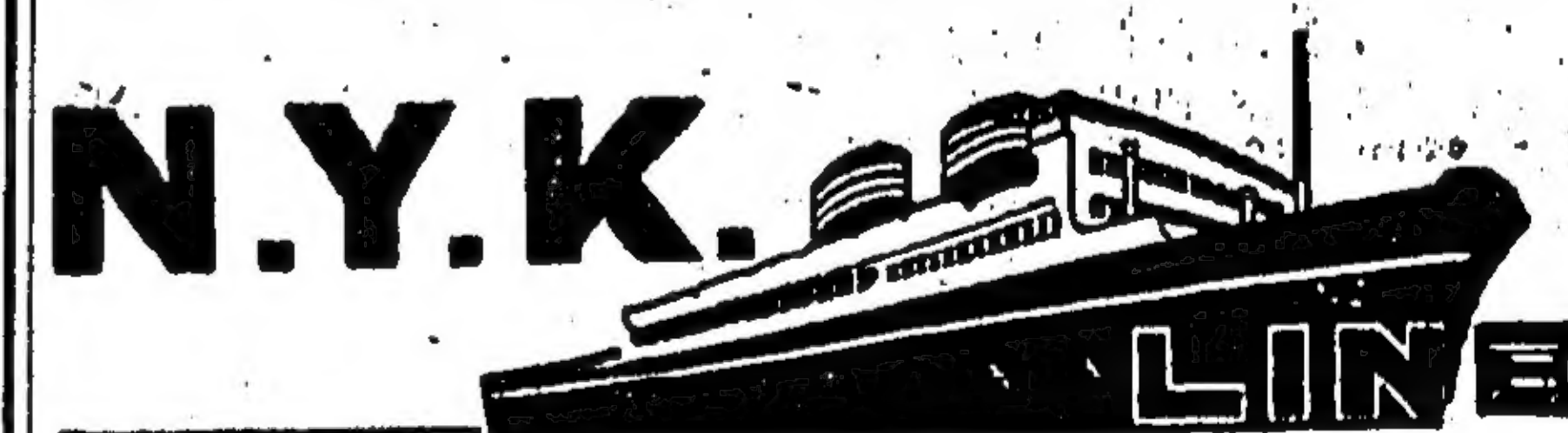
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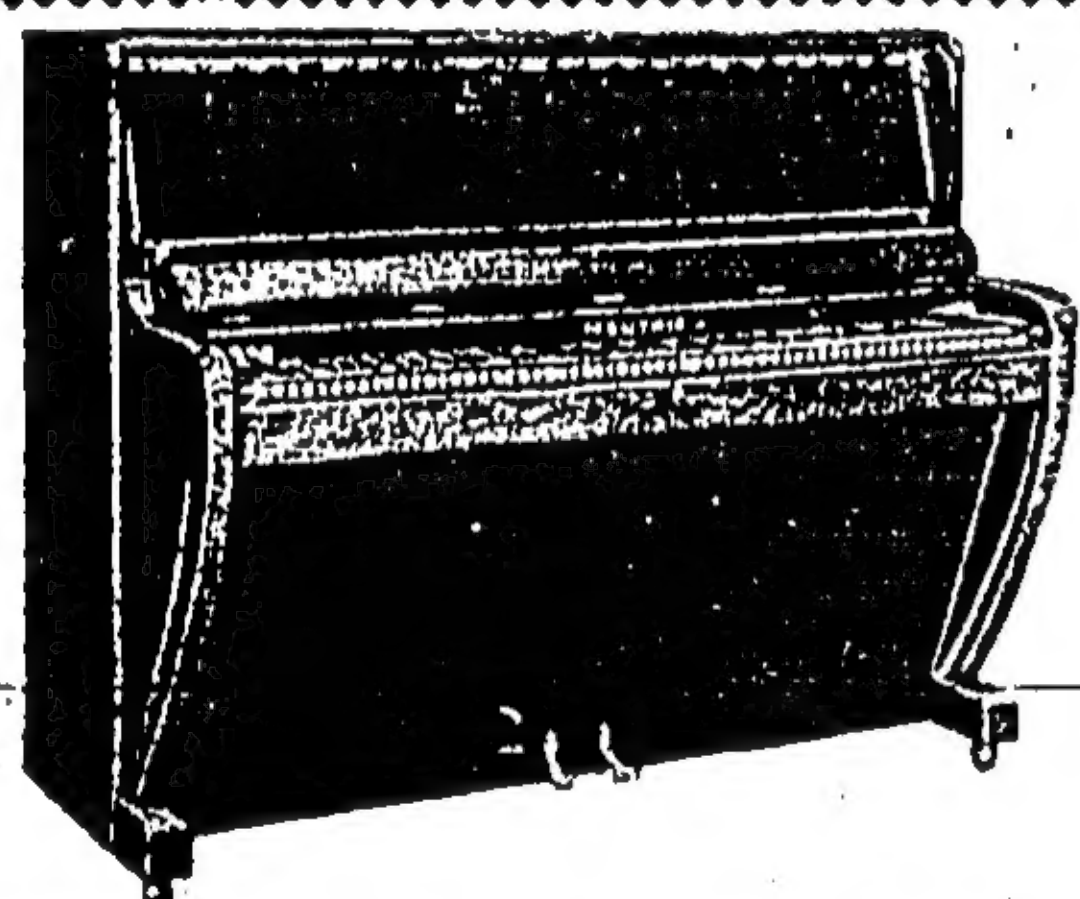
All these are warning signs that the child is using up his nervous energy more quickly than he's replacing it. And it is at night, during sleep, that these stores of nervous energy should be replaced. If they are not replaced, the nervous strain on the child gets worse and worse. He is suffering from Night Starvation.

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CHURCHILL'S REALISM

REALISM, by which is meant unflinching acceptance of facts and potentialities no matter how grim or disagreeable they may be, has always been an outstanding characteristic of Mr Winston Churchill, but never has this been more forcibly or effectively demonstrated as in his speeches delivered during the past 18 months either in Parliament or through the microphone to the nethermost ends of the earth.

Mr Churchill's realism is that of a courageous, honest man, whose vision remains unclouded by wishfulness. Sometimes his insistence upon presenting the truth and nothing but the truth is almost brutal in its effect. Thus, during his magnificent peroration to the Empire on Sunday night, he found himself as spokesman for Britain, capable of declaring, "While these grievous events (withdrawal from Greece and defeat of Yugo-Slavia) are taking place in the Balkans our forces in Libya sustained a vexatious and damaging defeat... It is certain that fresh dangers besides those which threaten Egypt may come upon us in the Mediterranean. The war may spread to Spain and Morocco. It may spread eastwards to Turkey and Russia. Germans may lay their hands for a time on the granaries of the Ukraine or the oil wells of the Caucasus. They may dominate the Caspian. Who can tell?"

This is plain speaking, but it is not defeatism, for, in his purposeful tone of voice, Britain's Premier went on to declare that Britain would meet the Nazis anywhere, and, without underestimating their prowess as warriors, would fight them until victory had been won.

And it was Churchill's realism which prompted him once again to insist that the final victory would come in the defeat of Hitler's Atlantic offensive. In effect, the Premier said: We may suffer reverses in the Balkans, Egypt, the Near East and elsewhere, but we cannot lose this war until Britain has been invaded and overcome, or her ocean life-line across the Atlantic has been taken from her.

To nervous, short-term policy thinkers, this may be a forbidding alternative, but for those who have courage at the present and faith in the future, it places in true perspective the position existing in the fight which the democracies are now waging against totalitarianism. Mr Churchill's message comes as a new inspiration to those in the Empire,



IN the month extending from May 16, in which the wind of catastrophe whirled above his head, to June 16, when he collapsed in face of the decisive effort, M. Paul Reynaud laboured with prodigious energy and a courage worthy of success to rescue his country from an apparently hopeless situation.

His efforts were marked by fatal errors, unjust and useless cruelties, and by irreparable blunders.

He set about refashioning his Ministry. Daladier moved reluctantly from the Ministry of War to the Foreign Office.

Marshal Petain replied "Present!" without a shadow of hesitation when, for purely decorative purposes, he was asked to accept a Ministry of State with the title of Vice-President of the Council.

M. Mandel, the man who wanted to conduct the war with ferocious vigour against the internal as well as the external enemy—became Minister of the Interior.

Gamelin was to be replaced by Weygand, who stood for the epic of the other war. He stood for Foch. They sent for him. He would come.

Petain—Weygand—Mandel.

The choice of these three was calculated, for different reasons, to inspire confidence in the nation at a period when the military situation remained constantly disquieting.

Hope Renewed

General Weygand's arrival revived failing courage. If Weygand agreed to conduct military operations, that meant he did not despair.

Indeed, as soon as he arrived, he conveyed an impression of coolness, lucidity and vitality.

Mr Winston Churchill, who came to Paris for a few hours, paid this tribute to the septuagenarian when he had a conversation with him: "I'm afraid you're a little too young."

Weygand plunged into the adventure. He flew over the Franco-Belgian front to discuss matters with the commanders of the armies under his orders, including the Belgian army and the B.E.F. Everywhere he left an impression of calm and confident strength.

At the War Ministry this flight was considered as the prelude to a skilful manoeuvre.

"In Danger"

Then the names Peronne, Arras and Amiens appeared in the communiqués.

especially in a place like Hongkong, who may find cause for fretfulness and disheartenment in the current war news. The battle which is to destroy Hitlerism, once and for all is still to come. Britain and the Empire, aided by the United States, are busily preparing for it; Mr Churchill, as leader of the Empire, awaits the hour with calm confidence; such leadership demands our unwavering support and loyalty.

WEYGAND THE HERO, TURNS DEFEATIST

The Senate assembled. A gust of anger blew along the lobbies of the Luxembourg, and M. Paul Reynaud went up into the rostrum to make a statement.

Without preamble he pronounced the great sentence of the French Revolution, which fell amid the Assembly like a bomb:—

"The Country is in danger!"

A murmur swelled into a roar. There were demands for the names of those to blame, of those responsible.

M. Reynaud disclosed that incredible errors—which would be punished—had been committed, notably the failure to blow up the bridges over the Meuse.

The curt, accusing sentences lashed the nerves of his hearers, and raised tension to the pitch of paroxysm. Gloomy silences followed shouts of indignation.

The atmosphere cleared only a trifle when he proclaimed his confidence "in the great leader who has taken command of our armies," and "in the soldier of France who will be worthy of his ancestors."

During the twenty-first, twenty-second, and several

nounced the name of an official of the Ministry of War.

"Shall we manage to save the army of the North?"

He made an evasive gesture. "We're doing our utmost."

Forty-eight hours were lost when Gamelin was still in command. We ought not to have sent that army to Belgium."

"Have you superseded many people?"

"Yes. And it's not finished yet. We shall turn a good many intelligent and determined colonel into generals."

"From information I have received," I said, "may I put you on your guard against a peace offensive intended to separate us from England?"

"I guarantee that we shall withstand it."

The Fire Goes Out

Between May 25, when I heard these words which warmed my heart, and May 28, the date of the Belgian capitulation, was only three days.

But in those three days the whole fire which Mr Winston Churchill imagined burned in General Weygand was put out.

The Commander-in-Chief saw that he could not hope to claim the glory of an immediate recovery. He was ready to let his hands fall idly in his lap.

Foch, the indomitable, did not live again in Weygand.

Was he influenced by the atmosphere of the War Ministry, where almost all the men around the Premier were adherents of a rapid peace?

My attention was drawn to secret meetings, conferences be-

ties of this impious doctrine. They told her that the inspirer, thinker, and future statesman was none other than Baudouin.

"There's Weygand, too," they added.

She started. "Weygand? The Commander-in-Chief! In favour of defeat?"

"He no longer believes victory possible. He is practically won over to our side."

"And Petain?" she gasped.

"Oh, we shall convince him, make him see that France, whose birth-rate is already low, cannot risk the loss, as in 1914-18, of another fifteen hundred thousand dead, and perhaps more!"

M. Paul Reynaud, I believe, never knew anything of this conspiracy, of which he was to be the victim along with the nation.

And while this venom was trickling into French veins the military tragedy was developing. The defences of Boulogne and Calais were overrun by the German motorised divisions.

Capitulation

Just when a gigantic battle was in progress, in which the fortune of arms seemed to be turning away from France and a minimum of intrepidity was needed to swing advantage to our side, what happened?

"The Belgian Army"—I quote the accusing terms in which M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting on the morning of May 28, trounced the King of the Belgians—"the Belgian army has just capitulated unconditionally in the thick of the fight and on the order of its King, without warning its French and British comrades-in-arms and opening to the German troops the road to Dunkirk."

"That," declared M. Paul Reynaud, "is an action without precedent in history."

Strict justice compels me to say that Belgian voices have been raised to clear King Leopold III of the charge of treachery laid upon him in M. Paul Reynaud's speech.

M. Gutt, the Belgian Minister of Finance, who, until the arrival in London of M. Piorlot and M. Spaak, represented the Belgian Government in Great Britain, publicly stated that Leopold III had not come to terms with the enemy and remained a prisoner."

Despair

M. Gutt—and when one knows his moral and intellectual worth, his evidence carries weight—has declared that the capitulation of the Belgian army was inevitable.

He wrote: "The total collapse of the French armies in the South, coupled with the orders of the French Generalissimo preventing the Belgian troops from retreating at a time they could have done it, bought about the encirclement of the Belgian Army and made the surrender unavoidable."

During the night of May 27-28, a Council of Ministers was held at the Elysee.

Weygand was called on to forecast the course of events. It was asserted that he said: "The Germans will get through where and when they like."

In him the strategist and the tactician began to give way to the partisan with a fear of Bolshevism.

From then on his chief thought was to keep ready to his hand an army of social defence against an imaginary revolution. No longer would he command victory.

To-morrow

The French Government leaves Paris for Tours. De Gaulle suggests making a desperate stand in Brittany. Arrangements made to go there are overruled through intervention of Mme. de Fortes and the "Peace party," who want Bordeaux. Weygand demands that a request be made for an armistice.

France—the Whole Truth

Third Article

by **ELIE J. BOIS**

Famous Paris Editor and for 20 years an intimate of France's leading politicians. His death occurred in England yesterday.

days following, General Weygand, who had been summoned and who had come in order to be the saviour, believed in the possibility of saving.

That was the impression I had after a talk with M. Reynaud on May 25.

"Weygand," he declared, "is reassuringly clear-headed. Marshal Petain is ready for anything that may be asked of him."

"Yesterday we went together to see what the defences of Paris are like—just in case it should be necessary to defend Paris."

"And it will be defended?"

"Tooth and nail."

"Can He Do It?"

I reminded him discreetly that on May 16 some members of the Government had insinuated that Paris should be evacuated. He replied in brisk, ardent, staccato sentences:

"It was Gamelin who scared people. I ordered him to defend Paris at any price."

"We have gained the ascendancy again, and I assure you there's no longer any question of leaving Paris defendless."

"Even if you went to Tours it would be scarcely less dangerous than Paris."

"Obviously. Unfortunately we haven't enough planes, enough material. Oh!" he exclaimed, "That—" And, raising despairing arms, he pro-

ceeded to list the names of two or three conspirators, visits made to one another by the apostles of a new mysticism.

Their object was to win over as many people as possible to the necessity of defeat.

Defeat? Yes. Defeat! By asking for an armistice at once, they argued, good peace terms would be obtained.

Thanks to Mussolini, Hitler would be magnanimous, well content to have a few ports at their disposal against England, with whom France could then break off alliance. In writing this I am putting forward nothing of which I am not certain.

I say that persons of importance—and I know the name of one to whom Marshal Petain's Government recently assigned a prominent position—made to several people confidential remarks which I can sum up as follows:

France is in need of defeat. Defeat is necessary for her regeneration. Victory would strengthen the political regime which has led to her moral ruin.

Anything is preferable to the continuation of so perfidious a regime.

Defeat followed by a rapid peace will perhaps cost us a province, a few ports, some colonies. What is that in comparison with France's regeneration, which is indispensable?

Conspiracy

One of the people the group wished to convince, because her salon was the meeting-place of a number of distinguished men and women who might be useful propagandists was at first indignant at the monstrosity of the plan.

So they invoked the authority of the men who were the apos-

Keynes To Visit U. S.

Financial Genius

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The famous British economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, member of the Economic Advisory Council, is making a brief visit to Washington at the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to confer with the United States Administration and the British Supply Council on the operation of the Lend Lease Act and other related matters.

The name of Keynes has been much before the British public since the outbreak of war in connection with his plan for compulsory savings aimed at curtailing private expenditure. The general idea of this plan, was borrowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the new budget which provides for crediting to tax-payers a portion of their income tax for use by them after the war.

Mr. Keynes was a civil servant for 15 years and is now back at the Treasury. He drafted some intricate agreements for Inter-Allied Loans in the last war and was the Treasury's principal adviser at the Peace Conference.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Prices Firmly Held

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market was firmly held, heightened by the Premier's speech, but business was very quiet and was largely confined to gilt-edged securities which were unchanged on the day.

Among the industrials, Cable and Wireless were strong, while motors and some steel were slightly higher. Oils were quiet, Attock and Anglo-Iranian being lower. Knifery were idle.

In the foreign market, Egyptian bonds were unfilled and firm. Wall Street was hesitant.

Sikorski's Appeals To U. S. Poles

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The visit of General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, to America has contributed in the highest degree to stimulating the war effort of 5,000,000 Poles, declare Polish circles.

His appeals to the Poles of America to help the British and Allied cause have been heard by large enthusiastic audiences in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo.

ROOSEVELT NOW IN CHUNGKING

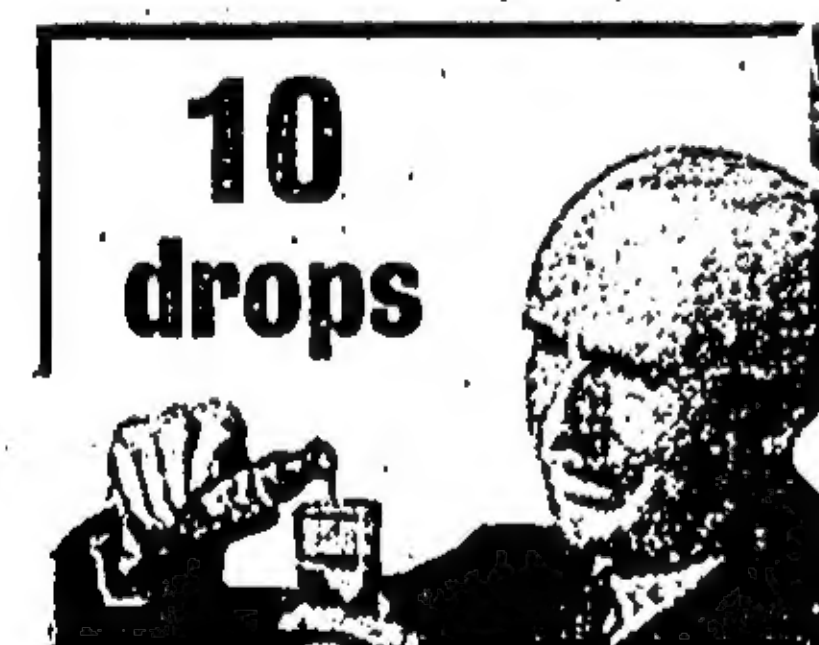
Captain James Roosevelt, Marine Corps, and his companion Major Thomas, should be in Chungking now. They left early this morning for the capital of Free China after a quiet day in which they were received by H. H. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and were entertained to luncheon at the American Club.

Hitler Gets Down To Colonies

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Preparations are being made to form a German Colonial Ministry, said a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman to-day. The spokesman added that Germany regarded her colonial claims irrevocable.

Greek Assets Frozen

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day ordered the immediate freezing of Greek credits and cash in the United States.



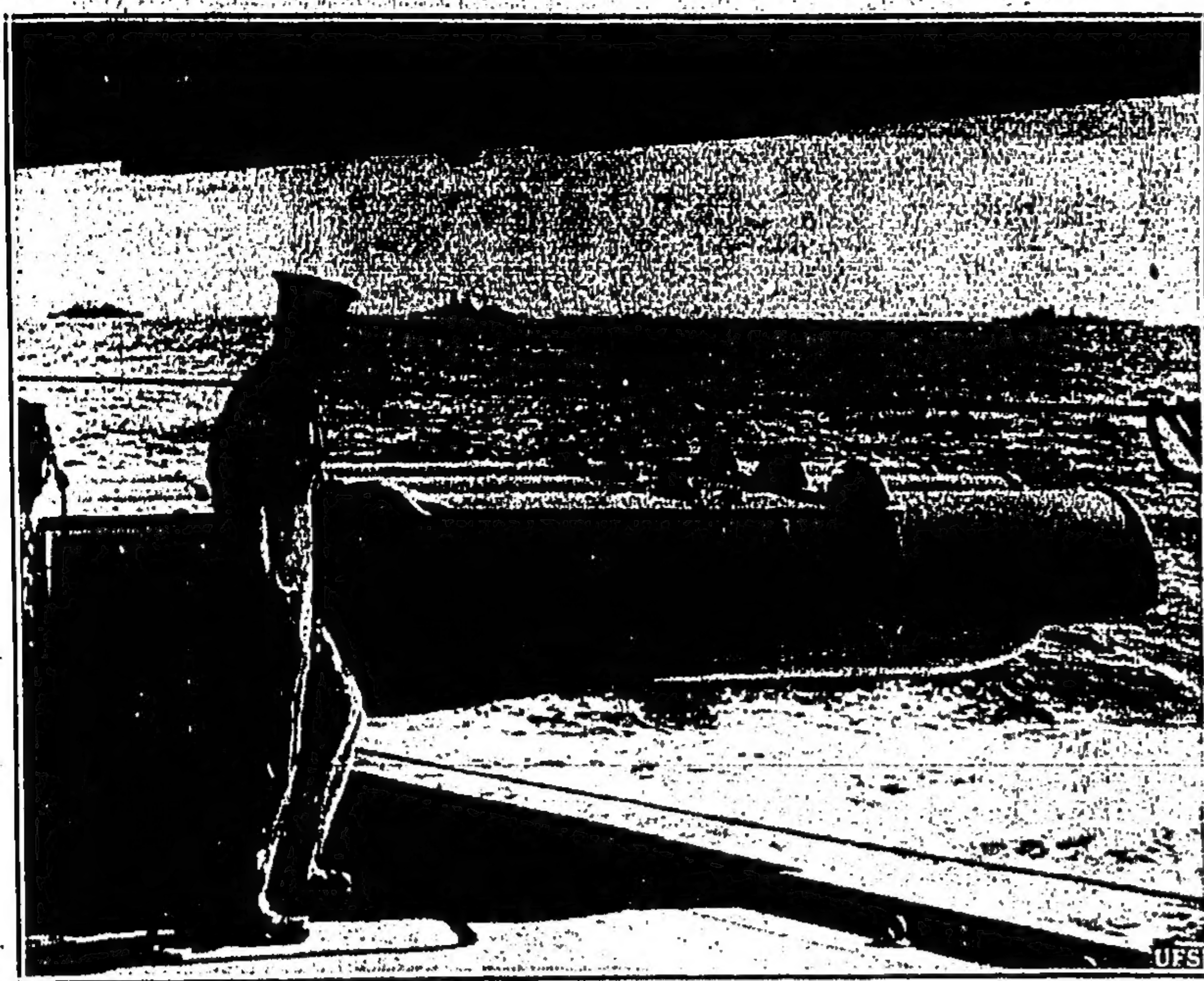
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TUBES FOR ACTION—Giant triple torpedo tubes swing outward and are ready for action from the side of a British warship in the Mediterranean. Units of the British Navy are shown in the distance.

Model Refugee Settlement Makes Good Progress In First Year

A model settlement project for European refugees in the Dominican Republic has grown in a year into a thriving colony of several hundred persons.

This was disclosed by officials of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which announced in Washington that representatives of the 32 nations having members on the Committee will visit the Colony to see what progress has been made.

The experiment which may form a pattern for large-scale resettlement of European refugees in the New World already has opened up a bright future to the many colonists transplanted there, officials said.

But two-thirds of the colonists are men—most of them in their early twenties—and they need feminine help and companionship, officials explained.

Want Women Pioneers
So the representatives in Europe who have on the qualifications of the prospective colonists, are looking for some hardy young women to become pioneers.

The Dominican project was started by the Intergovernmental Committee a year ago with the organization of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association after the Republic agreed to receive 100,000 refugees. The Association, privately supported, was capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, former President of the Dominican Republic, personally contributed an estate of 26,000 acres with buildings and equipment at Sosua for the Colony.

There the colonists are trained in agriculture, handicraft and other work, and given a start in their new pursuit. So far they have converted 3,000 acres into farming land and organized their own dairy industry.

Coming from various European countries, they are taught Spanish and otherwise prepared for Dominican citizenship.

Watch Against Agitators
Politics has little place in the Colony, officials said. Examiners are careful to keep out potential political agitators.

The settlers have already built and cleared 10 miles of road and have used in connection with buildings for new arrivals, 500 gallons of paint, more than 4,000 pounds of nails, and have laid 120,000 square feet of metal roofing. The settlers get their own homesteads with about 25 to 30 acres of land and some knowledge of tropical agriculture.

Another Tract Donated
The Generalissimo has just donated 50,000 more acres for the settlement of refugees. The land is adjacent to the 26,000-acre estate at Sosua.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Hotels \$2.80

Sellers
H.K. Banks \$1.340
Union Trs. \$430
Lands \$33
Trams \$16.20
Electricity "Rts" \$14.50
Cement \$15

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1.325
Trams \$15.90
Liquor "O" \$5.85

Cannon Ball Gift From U.S.

A British cannon ball which lodged in the wall of Tennent Church, New Jersey, during the Battle of Monmouth Court House between the Americans under Gen. Washington and the British commanded by Sir Henry Clinton on June 28, 1778, is to be sent to Mr. Churchill.

Its present owner, Mr. Hamilton Cochrane, in making the gift, writes: "I feel it should now be returned to its original owners for the purpose of adding one more shot in the heroic fight Britain is making for the maintenance of freedom and democracy."

Children To Holiday On Farms

Children are to join conscientious objectors, aliens and conscript labour in work on the farms in Britain.

School holidays are to be fixed at short notice—if necessary for those periods when the need for seasonal agriculture is greatest, it is stated—for the Government considers it essential that the fullest use should be made of the assistance which can be given by older children.

The broad plan of recruitment for agricultural workers has now been worked out, Mr. R. S. Hodson, Minister of Agriculture, told Essex farmers at Chelmsford recently.

Women Too

It was not intended to take all the men needed from any one age group, he stated. More farm labour was wanted this year, and the Government was trying to devise means to meet the demand. Already several thousands of conscientious objectors and quite a few aliens were being employed.

"We must look to women to make up deficiencies," he added.

Handicaps For Macao Races On Sunday

Following are the handicaps for the various events of the Macao Jockey Club meeting on Sunday:

The Kwan Chup Handicap, First Section (six furlongs)—Doux-James (142), Heddon (142), Lancashire Cup (141), Piet Hein (159), National Success (152), New Deddard (153), Radium Star (146).

The Kwan Chup Handicap, Second Section (six furlongs)—Black Diamond (145), Cuban Lov (153), Hopeful Time (152), The Adventure (152), National Anthem (146), Sunshine Bells (146), Sports Venture (152).

The Kwan Chup Handicap, Third Section (six furlongs)—Cloudy Star (146), Double Up (152), Eagle (153), Iron Knight (153), National Triumph (149), the Mermaid (153).

The Nam Wan Handicap (six furlongs)—King's Worthing (153), Lovely Time (159), Portrush (153), Royal Highness (153), West Lake (142).

The Chairman's Cup (one mile)—Country Flower (140), Courser Bleu (146), Fairy Auk (152), Fairy Gull (159), Hogmanny (159), Hohenzollern (146), Mr. Jew Fox (140), Merry Filly (140), Merry Maker (140), Rotherham Day (140), Shang-hai 4 (154), Shih Yin Grand (140), Victory Life (153), Wood Nymph (140).

SPECIAL SWEEP

There is a Special Sweep on The Chairman's Cup limited to 50,000 tickets at \$1 each. The cost of a through chance is \$10, which includes the Special Sweep. All tickets can be obtained at the Club Sweep Department, China Building, 6th floor.

K F C. Bowls Team

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Club against Kowloon Dockers in a friendly Lawn Bowls match on the latter's green to-morrow at 8.15 p.m.:
A. MacIntyre, C. Downman, T. Perkinson, W. Simpson, A. Loring, V. Alfonsi, V. Chittenden, W. V. Field, W. Naeef, A. Eastman, P. Youngusband, E. Kern.

Nazis Said Using New Mine

The Germans have developed a new type of mine, exploded by the vibrations of a ship's propeller, the first officer of a freighter told reporters when he arrived at an eastern Canadian port.

He said the new mine was brought into use after the British began using the de Gausse Nullifier, which destroyed the effectiveness of the magnetic mine.

"The British will solve this too," he predicted. The officer also claimed the Nazis were camouflaging some of their planes to resemble British Spitfires.

Ruse Discovered
On one occasion, he said, he was in a convoy guarded by two Spitfires when a third plane approached. Of much the same shape, it had been painted to resemble the famous British fighter.

The British pilots discovered the ruse and shot the intruder down within 100 yards of his ship, he said.

Topsy-Turvy Towns

American Examples

Memphis (Tennessee) and Flanagan (Illinois) have tied for the title of topsy-turvy town, says Associated Press from New York.

Memphis City Council, in an outburst of absent-mindedness, last winter routed a bus line over a non-existent street, forbade the sounding of car horns.

Then they discovered there were already laws requiring the blowing of horns in certain situations. Motorists took matters into their own hands. One used a whistle for a signal and another navigated traffic clinging a cowbell.

Election Day Liquor
In Flanagan citizens voted for the building of a new high school and authorized the purchase of land. But when it came to voting the money for the whole project they polled a resounding "No."

Runner-up in the "topsy-turvy" championship was Atlanta (Georgia). There everybody was so forgetful about city election day that the liquor stores inadvertently stayed open nearly all day against the law before anybody noticed it.

Rio Grande Salt Deposits

The Rio Grande through its several tributaries deposits five tons of salt into the Gulf of Mexico every minute, according to a survey by engineers of the International Boundary Commission.

In a single day the river deposits the equivalent of 1,420 five-ton truck loads of salt into the gulf, the survey found. Largest single contributor of salt to the Rio Grande is the Pecos River of West Texas.

DESTINY

Greek Premier On Last Strongholds

CANEA, Crete, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—"Destiny has chosen two islands as the last but worthy rampart of the free peoples of Europe—the great island of Britain and this Greek island," declared Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the Greek Prime Minister, in a speech here to-day.

"The people of these islands are fighting the supreme battle of liberty. A black flood has swept over Europe. Humanity has known in the past similar barbaric invasions but the civilisation of free men always prevailed.

"A moving spectacle of resistance to the aggressors has been presented by even small islands like Leros and Samothrace, and the splendid example set by the Greek people as a whole in fighting six months against an empire.

"We have come to this land of liberty and courage in order that we should not allow ourselves to be enslaved and to continue the fight."

Australian Donation
SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Presenting the Consul General for Greece, Mr. M. Vrsakis, with a cheque for £50,000, proceeds of the Greek Day appeal, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Alexander Mair, said that no one in his right senses would have doubted that the Empire would aid Greece.

Expressing gratitude that Australia was giving all possible support to Greece, Mr. Vrsakis said that the Anzacs fought with undaunted courage beside the valiant Greek army. The mutual sacrifice would not be in vain.

Australian Political Views

Labour Leader

SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. D. O. Watkins, Member of the House of Representatives for Newcastle, New South Wales, one of the strongest Labour constituencies, declared to-day that Labour should either attempt to govern or enter the National Government.

He is the first Labour member to express publicly views which are held privately by many other Labour members.

Fadden To Churchill
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Acting Australian Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, has cabled Mr. Churchill: "You have the full support of Australia in your great work," according to newspaper reports from Sydney.

Ogpu Chief's New Post

Laurenti Beria, hitherto chief of the Ogpu since 1939, has been given a new post, that of General Commissar for State Security, a Moscow message states. This is a new department in the Soviet Government.

When Beria was made Commissar for Internal Affairs, and thus became chief of the Ogpu, particularly strong measures and persecution of all those elements which were considered pro-German was expected and foreseen.

His appointment followed the "purge of Marshal Tukhachevski and those who were accused of having had dealings with Germany."

Man Who Killed Matteotti

Amerigo Dumini, notorious for his part in the murder of Matteotti, the Italian Socialist, in June 1924, is among the 100,000 Italian prisoners taken by the British in Africa.

He gave himself up at Derna, where he has been living for nine years on a pension, fearing the reopening of the case if a new regime came into power in Italy.

After a prolonged trial for the murder, he was in 1926 with two others sentenced to five years' imprisonment for killing without premeditation, but was shortly afterwards released.

Ex-Queen Of Spain To See The Pope

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". VATICAN CITY, Apr. 28 (UP).—It was announced that His Holiness the Pope will receive the ex-Queen of Spain to-morrow. This will be the first time the Pope has received the Queen since the death of ex-King Alfonso, although he has already received Don Juan and Don Jaime.

NO SLUGGARDS

A farmer in Bell County, Texas, has uncovered a new production "system." Needing 200 pounds of buffalo grass seed, he simply dug into the hills of red soil and removed the supply collected, cleaned and stored by the insects.

PLEASE NOTE

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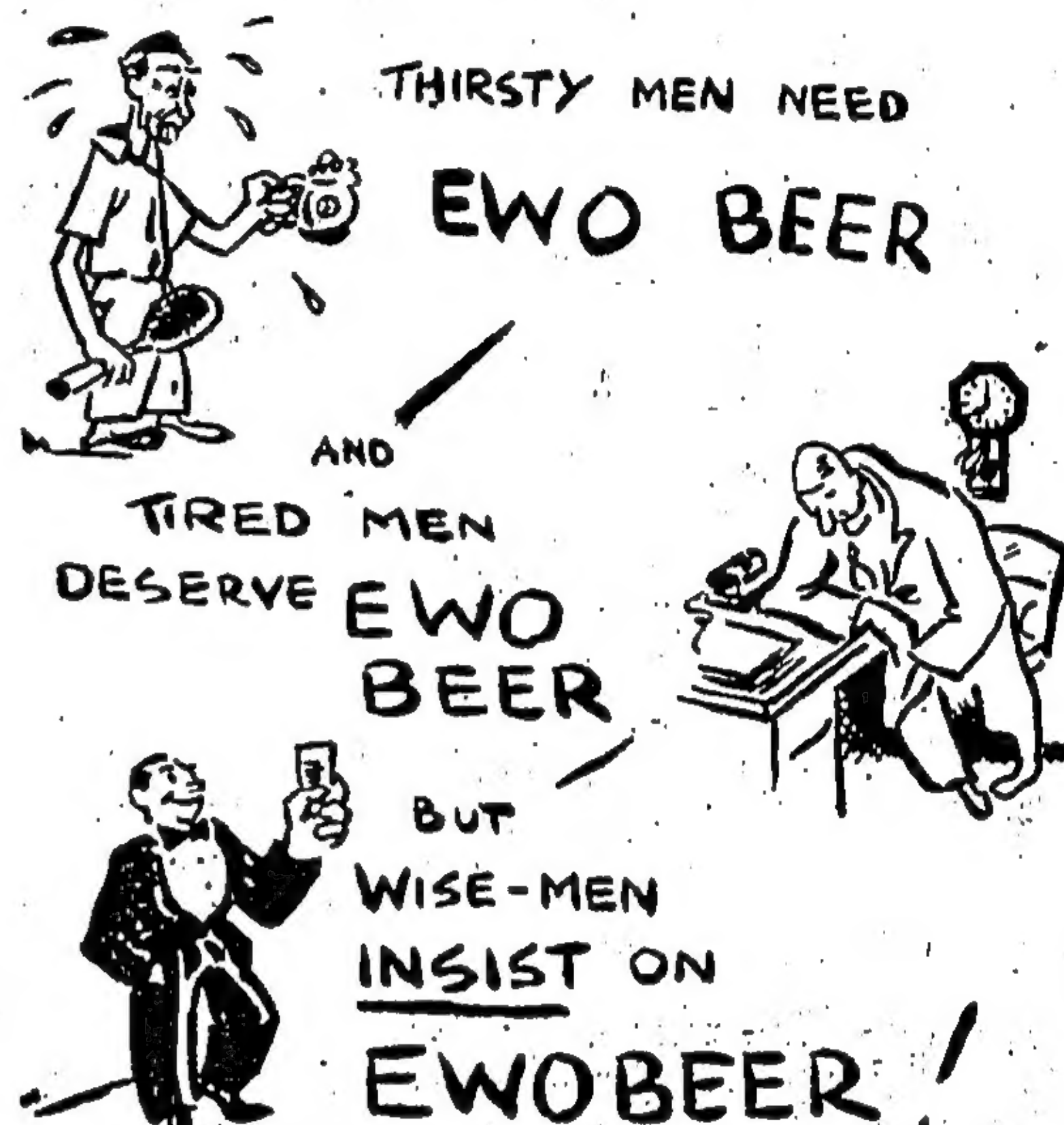
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

1940/41 Season Under Review

Greater Interest Shown In Junior Division

Pros And Cons Of The League

AND SO WE HAVE COME to the end of another season. I seem to have written that sentence so often. It means nothing to the youngsters, except, perhaps, hope for the future, and little for the early middle-aged. But for the older players it means a good deal that is, perhaps, somewhat depressing. One does not improve with age as wine does. Even the cricket scribe is tempted to wonder whether he will be writing of the next season. And so frankly I write in a somewhat sad frame of mind.

I had not indeed intended to write more than a few lines, perhaps of farewell, but I have been asked to state my views as to whether there should or should not be a League next season.

The great difficulty in making up my mind about the best course for the future is that I do not feel I have any really sound ground upon which to stand. I had expected cricket to be torn to pieces by the demands of military training. My expectation was entirely fulfilled.

However, the particularly bad weather with which we have been cursed during the season has made it almost impossible to sum up how we really stand.

Given the needs of the military, as things went, one must admit that the Senior Division of the League was a flop, but I find it very difficult to make up my mind how much to sheer dam' bad weather.

I have turned the matter over pretty carefully in my mind and I have come to a conclusion which will probably commend itself to very few.

That is to continue the Junior Division of the League but to scrap the Senior Division unless certain arrangements can be made. I will speak later of these arrangements. My recommendation that the Junior League should continue is based largely on the fact that they seemed extremely keen about it, and that they have completed all their games. It is possible that military duties do not press so heavily upon them as they do on the teams which have been playing in the Senior Division.

I make this statement with the utmost reserve, and it may be entirely incorrect.

The fact remains however that all games were played off and when the very last game of all was played, a game which had no relation whatever to the winning of the Shield, I have never seen more keenness.

It was the only Second Division match that I have been able to watch right through, and I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity of watching such a keenly contested game, sheerly from the desire of each side to pull off a game which had nothing to do with the capturing of a

Au Revoir Or Good Bye!

I CONFESS to some hopes of writing these notes again next season, but, after all, I have had a pretty long innings. Mr R. Abbit is, I believe, at the end of his 21st season of writing his notes here or there.

I may have included a year or so too much at the beginning, but I was certainly writing them to obtain contributions for the troops' cigarette fund before I went home in the Spring of 1923.

It has been a good innings, and I don't think I have ever really seriously quarrelled with anybody or hurt their feelings. If I have done so I am sorry.

I will refrain from copying Samuel and asking them to come out and bear witness against me, but I will express my sincere regret to anyone if I have inadvertently really hurt them. As I say, I hope that I may be enabled to write next season. This will then be au revoir. If not, let me bid you all good-bye.

shield. This is the right spirit and as it should be.

The Seniors

FROM WHAT I have seen and from what I have read this season I cannot say that the League has been in any way a success. I don't want to be dogmatic, and as I have said, it may be that the weather is at the bottom of it, but with an exception which I shall discuss later, I am personally of the opinion that there should be no senior League. In the first place the Shield was intended for competition among all the Cricket clubs in the Colony. Now that the Army, the Navy and the Hongkong Club are unable to put teams in for the Senior Shield, it seems to me that the Shield is somewhat falling from its high estate.

In the second place there appeared to be the greatest difficulty in getting the fixtures in the Senior Division played off, but I do not in any way wish to enter into any form of argument. The fact remains that fixtures were not played off, and this again leads me to suggest that the Shield should be dropped next year.

A Possible Alternative

IF IT IS to be played for at all I suggest most strongly that it should be played as soon as possible after the first week in October. Now that there are apparently two training periods, the old reason for playing after the first week of January is not existent.

I think there might be a universal let up over the Christmas and New Year holidays as matches between the full strength of the Hongkong Club and the Kowloon Club could be arranged then at home and away.

There is no doubt that the best match of the whole season was that between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C., and it is a great pity that the return could not be played on the K.C.C. Ground. But if League there be it should be played in our better weather period.

A Final Reflection

I HAVE BEEN considerably worried during the past months by the apparent lack of interest in the H.K.C.C. cricket. The unfortunate illness of Harry Owen Hughes, from which we hope to see him out again very shortly, has undoubtedly cramped the style of the Club.

The indefatigable Eric Mitchell has been off on leave towards the end of the season. Someone has got to get under the Club cricket. Alec and John Pearce have commissions. It would be pathetic for the oldest cricket Club in the Colony by tens of years to fall upon years of decay.

A possible solution seems to me is that as neither the Army nor the Club can put out regular sides they should amalgamate and play as the Club, for most of the Army officers (or I think so) are members of the Cricket Club.

All this may be a little visionary, but the onlooker does see a good deal of the game, and unless the Club First Eleven can be pulled together, it would be better to concentrate on the Second Eleven as an "A" team.

VICTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL TEAM



CHINA . . . The victorious international girls' team that retained the Softball Shield on Sunday in defeating Portugal. Standing: Grandpa Leung (Coach and manager), Mary Mar, Ulian Khoo, Rennie Yuen, Lily Mar, Margaret Young. Kneeling: Dot Louie, Virginia Chiu, Mary Ng, Doris Mar, Gloria Mar. — Ming Yuen.

Badminton Finals At K.C.C. To-night

Tsui-Rumjahn Tennis Match Abandoned

THOUGH it seemed pretty obvious at 4.15 p.m. that the Colony Tennis Singles semi-final between Tsui Wai-pui and S. A. Rumjahn would not be played, yet a start was made at the Stand Court yesterday.

The heavy clouds threatened, and after one game the match was called off, not because of the rain—it had not yet fallen—but because of the bad light. It was not too soon, however, for the rain then came down in torrents.

S. A. Rumjahn commenced serving and led 40-15, but Tsui pulled up and took the first game.

The tickets for yesterday's match will be valid for the next match between these two players.

To-day's Matches

At the time of writing, it is most doubtful if any of the scheduled matches for to-day will be played. Matches to-day are those of the Club Tournaments, and the premier one will be that between M. Pugh (holder) and Capt R. E. Guest in the Championship Singles semi-final. This will be on the Stand Court.

It has not been decided yet, but in all probability the Club ground will be closed.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 3:

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Scotland v. England.

LONDON CUP

Chelsea v. Queen's Park Rangers; Arsenal v. Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Southampton v. Southampton; Brighton v. Watford; Luton v. Portsmouth; Norwich v. Southend.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Fulham; Crystal Palace v. Clapton Orient; Northampton v. Millwall; Reading v. West Bromwich Albion; Westham v. Brentford.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Barnsley v. Chesterfield; Blackpool v. Manchester City; Bradford v. Rotherham; Burny v. Oldham; Halifax v. Middlesbrough; Manchester United v. Liverpool; Newcastle v. Leeds; Preston v. Blackburn; Rovers v. Rochdale v. Wrexham.

REGIONAL MATCHES

Chester v. Stoke City; Doncaster v. Mansfield Town.

WEST REGIONAL LEAGUE

Bristol City v. Cardiff City; Lovells Athletic v. Bath City.

MIDLAND CUP FINAL

Lancaster City v. Walsall.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)

Everton v. Burnley.

SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Athlon v. Dumbarton; Hearts v. Queen's Park; St Mirren v. Third Lanark.

P.H. Wong Defends Title Against K.W. Choy

(By "Tinker")

ACCOMMODATION at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night will certainly be taxed. The first three finals of the 1941 Colony Badminton Championships will commence at 8.30 p.m. These matches will be:

8.30 p.m. Women's Doubles.—Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Mrs Zimmerman and Mrs Torrible.

9 p.m. Men's Junior Doubles.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier.

9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Singles.—P. H. Wong v. K. W. Choy.

At 8 p.m., however, the semi-final match between T. S. Young and D. Chelliah in the Men's Junior Singles will be played off. This game was postponed from last week.

Women's Doubles

ON RESPECTIVE FORM, one concedes the edge to the Recreation girls for the Women's Doubles title. Mrs Zimmerman and Mrs Torrible have been none too encouraging in their previous matches, and though at the commencement of the competition, odds were much in the latter's favour, their showing has been below expectations.

Miss Silva and Miss Xavier have shown the better combination, and greater command of shots. Mrs Zimmerman has been inclined to be nervous, however, and spectators have not seen her at her best. And should she be able to forget her surroundings, in Mrs Torrible she has a great partner and they may yet justify the confidence that many have placed in them.

Senior Singles

THOUGH most people may be inclined to the idea that K. W. Choy is a certain winner for the Men's Singles, there is the unanimous opinion that the match will be one of the finest yet seen in the Colony Tournaments.

Choy has certainly brought a better brand of badminton to the Colony, and his presence lifts the Tournament far above the standards of previous years.

M. P. Young, last week, showed that it was possible to break through Choy's defence when he extended the latter in the first game of their semi-final. Patrick Wong is a player of the same type, and though he has been inclined to be erratic in his smashes to date, he is not one to give up when things are going wrong.

In his doubles match he seemed to let Choy's redoubtable reputation affect his play, and if that were the case, if he is able to scout that mental hazard from the outset, the greater number of crises may be confounded to-night.

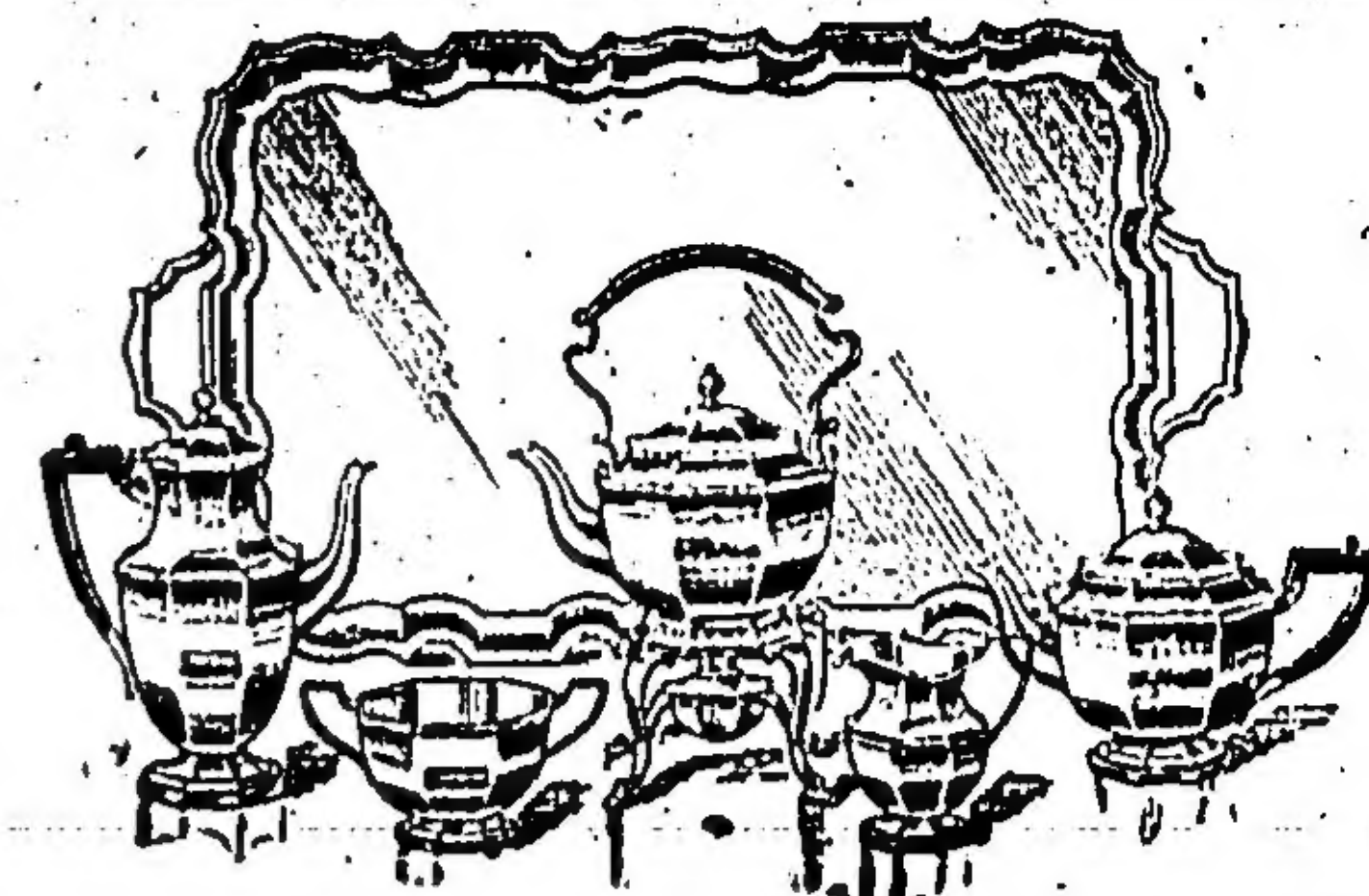
Junior Doubles

MUCH DEPENDS on A. E. Xavier in the Junior Doubles. Pereira has proved his worth, though over-inclined to smash, and if Xavier can continue the improvement he has shown over the last two matches, Pereira may yet take the Junior title. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth are a stout pair, but not, as far as Junior standards are concerned, unbeatable.

Probable Starters For Two Thousand Guineas

London, Apr. 28. Probable starters and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas to be run on Wednesday are—Mr Sawyer (Bridgland), Usenge (E. Smith), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Solium (C. Richards), Starwort (J. Taylor), King's Jester (Gelin), Annaton (S. Wagg), Morogoro (H. Wagg), Owen Tudor (G. Richards), Burning Bow (Lowrey), Suncastle (Bensley), Orthodox (D. Smith), The Derby Star (Maher), Sunny (A. Wagg), Camperdown (Littlewood), Chanda (Lacey), Sunny Island (Nevett), Lambersimnel (El-lott), Fairy Prince (Lane).—Reuter.

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Philippines Civilian Defence Programme

By ROBERT P. MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MANILA, April 28 (UP).—Spurred by the recent informal Anglo-American conversations at Manila, during which the entire tactical and strategic position of American-Philippine forces in relation to British defences in the Far East were reported to have been discussed, the Commonwealth is pushing ahead its own programme of civilian defence in preparation for any emergency.

Although civilian defences were apparently not discussed when Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Far East, conferred here with the highest United States defence officials in the Philippines, the demonstration of Anglo-American preparations served as a decided stimulant to the hitherto "there's-plenty-of-time" attitude of the Commonwealth.

Absolute Rule Ended In Sarawak

ABSOLUTE rule by the Brookes, white Rajahs of Sarawak, has ended. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the Rajah, has vested legislative power in the Committee of Administration.

The new constitution which Sir Charles has directed the Committee to draw up will be "a form of Government on a broader basis which will facilitate the gradual development of a representative government on democratic principles."

In making the proclamation at Kuching, the capital, Sir Charles said: "By voluntarily surrendering these great (legislative) powers, I feel that I shall be making a contribution towards the interests and welfare of the people commensurate with the spirit in which the first Rajah received the government of this country and the auspiciousness of this centenary year."

Sir Charles proclaimed his brother, Capt. Bertram Brooke, the Tuan Muda of Sarawak, to be his heir to the Raj.

Philippine officials welcome Washington reports that funds may be made available, either from the excise sugar tax and gold devaluation funds or by an Export-Import Bank loan, for Philippine civilian defence, pointing out that lack of funds has been the chief handicap in development of the programme in the past.

The National Emergency Committee, presided over by Secretary of National Defence Teofilo Sison, has drawn up the following measures, any or all of which may be carried out in line with recommendations by American defence officials:—

Eight Point Programme

1. Evacuation of women and children and non-essential men from cities like Manila and designation of evacuation areas;
2. Construction by the government as well as private enterprises of emergency shelters for government employees and for those who must remain in populous areas to carry on activities of the government;
3. Maintenance and protection of vital public utilities;
4. Acquisition and storage of petroleum, gasoline and oil;
5. Assurance of essential food commodities and a pure water supply. This will involve storing of reserve food supplies like canned goods, meat, flour and dairy products;
6. Maintenance of communication lines, most important of which is the safeguarding of electric power;
7. Storage of essential serums and purchase of needed surgical instruments;
8. Creation of volunteer guards in all localities, composed of civilians.

Secretary Sison pointed out that the volunteer guards will help to enforce air raid measures. The unit will be composed entirely of civilian volunteers and will not include the Philippine Constabulary.

A. R. P. Measures

Sison pointed out that air raid shelters will not be effective in Manila—underground shelters are deemed impossible to build because of swampy terrain, while steel and concrete is lacking for other types of shelters—and warned that the best precaution against any air attack is to disperse the population to areas without military objectives.

Practice black-outs will be held in Manila and other major cities as soon as local groups have been organised and trained.

Start Free Rumania Movement

EFFORTS are being made to form a Free Rumania movement in the Far East, with headquarters in Singapore.

The requisite sanction of the Straits Settlement Government is being sought by M. Rene Untermyers, brother of the former Rumanian Consul-General at Antwerp, at the instigation of Dr V. Tilea, former Rumanian Ambassador in London.

Dr Tilea resigned from his post to become head of the Free Rumanian movement in Britain following his country's seizure by Germany.

M. Untermyers, a former consular officer in Antwerp before he was forced to flee to France, received a cable from Dr Tilea appealing for his collaboration in beginning a Far East Free Rumania movement.



AIR TARGET—This is how U. S. Marines at Camp Elliot, San Diego, Cal., are taught rapid fire against a dive-bomber attack. Moving target on cable simulates bomber diving from 1,500 feet in six seconds. Men barely have time to fire five rounds. Instructor at left.

GERMANS DEGRADING POLISH POPULATION

Systematic attempts to complete the demoralisation of Poles in German-occupied Poland were described in New York recently by Dr Josef P. Junosza, Warsaw high school teacher who has escaped.

Describing all Polish life in the area as that of a concentration camp, the 41-year-old teacher said the invaders had doggedly rooted out intellectuals and centres of culture.

All Polish school manuals, libraries, museums and scientific collections had been destroyed, he said, as had monuments of men like Kosciuszko and Chopin.

The extent to which the Nazis were willing to go to beat down Polish national consciousness and self-respect, Dr Junosza added, was exemplified by two types of "favours" they allowed the oppressed Poles.

Gambling Started

First, he said, the Germans established gambling casinos, where Poles might play roulette with their remaining money.

A special ticket permitting the bearer to stay up till midnight was issued to those visiting the casinos, he said; otherwise the curfew was 8 p.m.

The casinos served, he said, both to impoverish the Poles further and to head them deeper toward the degradation their temporary masters seem to have planned for them. German patronage was not allowed.

Pornography

Toward the same end, he continued, was the German handling of the press. All official publications, in both Polish and German, he said, were managed by the Nazis. Beyond that Poles were prohibited from publishing anything except the most obvious pornography. This, he said, was encouraged.

Calling Up Americans By Classes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, April 28 (UP)—Selective service officials are considering plans to limit compulsory military training within a year or two to men between the ages of 21 and 25.

The present age range is 21 to 35, inclusive.

Officials said reduction of the age range would make it possible at some later date to reorganize the present scheme under the European system—calling all youths for military service when they reach a specific age, such as 18 or 21 years.

The plan to reduce the age limit is based on the theory that the United States will remain at peace. Officials explain that even though the United States remains out of the war, it will be necessary to maintain a large potential army.

No final decision regarding the change has been made, and it is decided to go ahead, congressional action would be necessary.

Singapore Has "Scrap Week"

To Help War Effort

A Big drive is being organised in Singapore to collect scrap and materials generally to help win the war.

A "Scrap Week" will start shortly it is officially announced. The following things are particularly required:

1. All forms of metallic scrap, including scrap-iron, steel, brass, copper, etc., aluminium utensils (such as old saucepans, thermos containers, etc.), metal containers (such as empty tooth paste tubes), clean cigarette tins, etc..
2. Celluloid articles.
3. Glass bottles.
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Stokowski Resigns As Conductor

Ending an association of 29 years, Leopold Stokowski will terminate next season his relationship with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1936 Mr. Stokowski has made only guest appearances with the orchestra and is scheduled for six more of these this season. He will then, it was announced, definitely lay down his baton with the orchestra which he is generally conceded to have brought to a high level of virtuosity.

Mr. Stokowski first made his appearance as Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conductor on Oct. 11, 1912, coming to it from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, which he had served since 1900.

London born, he went to the United States after studies at Oxford and the Paris Conservatoire to be organist and choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York.

Invasion Threat To Malaya Exists

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who had not yet arrived from the United Kingdom.

Shanghai Speculation
SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A possibility that Japan will shortly launch upon a penetration of Southern Indo-China, including Saigon and Camranh Bay, is suggested by foreign observers in Shanghai.

These observers think that the time has come when Japan, for psychological reasons, may be expected to attempt to show some fruits from the Soviet pact and Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin in the way of a southward expansion.

They believe that the sudden Japanese press campaign against Saigon and Southern Indo-China may be the forerunner of such an expansion.

General Motors Earnings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—The first quarter report of the General Motors Corporation shows a gross income of \$129,750,337; however, the net earnings after deducting taxes equalled \$1.44 per share compared with \$1.50 for the same period last year. Before the taxes are deducted, the earnings increased by 52.1 per cent.

Total taxes exceed \$65,000,000 compared with \$18,303,000 last year. Total sales were 45.2 per cent. higher in unit value and the pay rolls were increased by \$7.7 per cent.

Ship Seizure By Italian Marines

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—An early settlement is expected of the Italian seizure of the Yugo-Slav steamer, *Gomislav*.

Following Japanese and Italian discussions, eight members of the Chinese Maritime Customs police boarded the steamer to-day and will share the watch with Italian guards until the incident is settled.

LATE NEWS



ISLAND PRISONERS—This Cable picture shows some of the 225 German prisoners captured in the recent surprise raid by the British on Lofoten Islands, off Norway coast. Blindfolded, they are being marched to British ships.

THEY WILL SHOOT THE CARTOONISTS

CARTOONISTS who draw anti-Government cartoons in Rumania will be shot. And anyone heard singing political songs in the streets will get from five to fifteen years' hard labour.

These penalties were included in a new criminal code issued by Antonescu in Bucharest recently as part of the drastic measures to suppress all opposition to the Nazi puppet Government.

More than twenty crimes were made punishable by execution, to be carried out ten hours after sentence. A special punishment for Communists now figures for the first time in Rumanian law.

Attitude to Jews
The law stipulates that Jews and members of minorities will be subjected to more drastic penalties.

Punishments include confiscation of property and ban on carrying on any intellectual profession.

Rebels Defiant
Friends who have been allowed to visit Rumanian rebels in prison say they are in the highest spirits, singing legionary songs and not showing the faintest sign of repentance.

Under Antonescu's orders the warders are treating them humanely. There is a growing feeling among the public that they are being far more leniently treated than they deserve, though several are receiving long terms of imprisonment.

Among the rebels whose trial has been concluded is Sandu, formerly a chauffeur, who for three days was under the impression that he was Minister of Justice.

NEW U.S.-EUROPE AIR SERVICE

Mr. Juan T. Trippe, President of Pan-American Airways announced in New York recently that his company will inaugurate a non-stop landplane service between the United States and Europe next year. High altitude machines will be used for the service.

Gram Swing "Adopts" An English Boy

WAR-TIME guest of American commentator Raymond Gram Swing at Westport, Connecticut, is 10-year-old John Gabriel Newfield, of Great Bardfield, Essex.

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Johnny's mother told a London reporter that "Mr and Mrs Gram Swing wanted an English boy as a companion for their own son."

EDUCATION GETS MORE AID

Education in Britain is not being allowed to suffer, as a result of the war. In fact, it is receiving its full measure of Government support—and a little more. Estimated expenditure by the Board of Education for the year ending March 31, 1942, will be £54,915,639, an increase of £2,250,000. Biggest increase—£1,532,480—will be on the elementary side.

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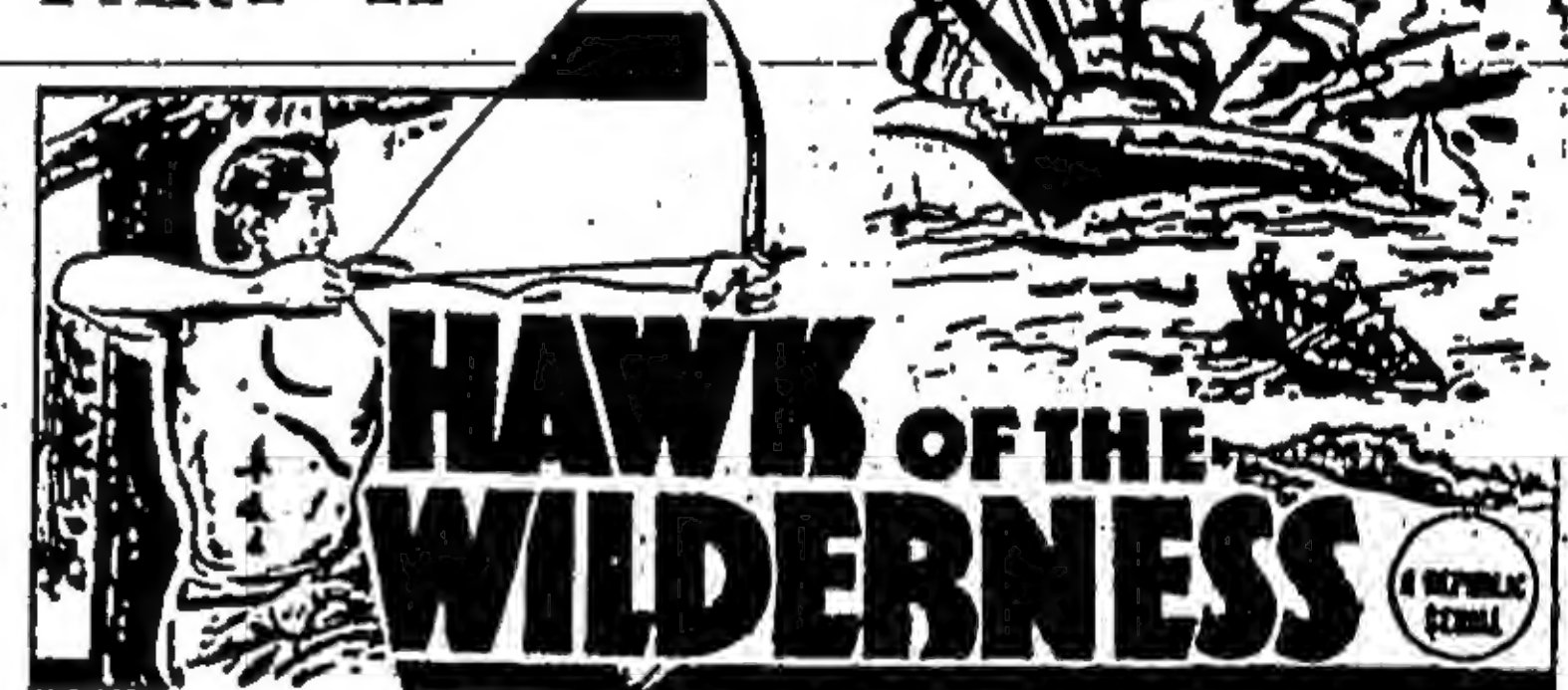
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WHITEAWAY'S

ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HELD: ITALIANS RETREAT TO GONDAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, APR. 28 (UP).—WELL INFORMED QUARTERS TO-DAY CLAIMED THAT THE ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HAD BEEN STOPPED, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. THE ENEMY IS HOLDING SOLLUM VILLAGE, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH FORCES DESTROYED EVERYTHING OF VALUE BEFORE THEY EVACUATED.

BATTLE FOR U. S. CONVOYS

Action Follows Speeches

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The battle for convoys for Britain is now fully under way. Mr Winston Churchill's broadcast is widely regarded here as changing the idea of "Give us the tools" to "Deliver us the tools."

LINDBERGH FEELS HURT

Letter To President Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—In his letter of resignation to President Roosevelt, Colonel Lindbergh said: "Your remarks at the White House press conference on April 25 involving my Reserve commission have disturbed me greatly. I had hoped that I might exercise my right as an American citizen to place my point of view in peace time without giving up the privilege of serving my country as a member of the Air Corps, but in view of the other implications which you, my present superior officer, made concerning my loyalty to my country, my character, and my motives, I see no honourable alternative to tendering my resignation as Colonel in the Air Corps Reserve."

Utmost Regret
"I take this action with the utmost regret for my relationship with the Air Corps was one of the things that meant most to me in my life. I place it second only to my right as a citizen to speak freely to my fellow countrymen and discuss with them the issues of war and peace which confront the nation in this crisis. I will continue service to my country to the best of my ability as a private citizen."

Defends Lindbergh
NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—Mr William S. Thomas, son of the Socialist leader, Norman Thomas, came to the support of Colonel Lindbergh to-day by issuing a statement that the flyer was a victim of a "cruel and vicious campaign of slander and smear. To call Lindbergh a Fascist, a Nazi or a Communist is absurd," he declared.

B. E. F. Arrive In Alexandria

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Rome newspapers state the first contingents of the British Expeditionary Force in Greece have disembarked at Alexandria, says a Rome dispatch.

De Gaullists At Borders Of French Somaliland

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French forces supported by British motorised units are massed on the southern frontier of French Somaliland, particularly in the neighbourhood of Daoulenle Station on the Djibuti-Addis Ababa Railway, according to a dispatch from Djibuti, capital of French Somaliland.

The official French news agency says that the French Government has issued the "necessary instructions" and that "there can be no question of our colony entering into negotiations with the Free French." The agency adds that other Free French forces are believed to have landed in Zella in the northern part of British Somaliland.

Spontaneous Revolt
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French Headquarters state that the Vichy Government is circulating rumours concerning Free French forces supported by British units near the French colony of Djibuti.

It is also declared that the capture of Dessie has put the British troops at the cross roads leading to Assab and Gondar. The bulk of the fighting occurred at the Kombolchia Pass, 14 miles south of Dessie. As the British came over the Pass they saw Italian reinforcements coming up, but these were later swept away in the British torrent.

SORTIE ON BARDIA

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Germans had great difficulty in finding the British force which carried out the destructive raid on the Libyan port of Bardia, according to a broadcast by the German wireless to-night.

The announcer described how detachments of storm troopers were sent out in pitch darkness following a call for help from a German wireless car. The car was found empty but there was no sign of the British.

Suddenly there were heavy detonations from several places. The announcer claimed that eventually one major, two captains and 65 other ranks were captured.

Italians Retire

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction is felt in Cairo military circles at the fall of Dessie which is on the main road from Addis Ababa to northern Abyssinia.

Dessie is also at the junction of the road leading northwest to Gondar where the Italians still hold out, and that running northeast to the Red Sea port of Assab.

The Italian forces defending Dessie were actually defeated at Kombolchia Pass 14 miles to the south. It is possible that a part of the Dessie garrison has withdrawn towards Gondar, which is north of Lake Tana.

Portsmouth Hard Hit

Furious Air Blitz

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTSMOUTH, Apr. 28 (UP).—Townpeople to-day rummaged through the wreckage of their homes searching for loved ones or what few possessions that could be salvaged after one of Portsmouth's worst bombing raids.

Early this evening, survivors of the blitz joined hundreds of others on the hills surrounding the smoking town to sleep in schools, barns, private houses and even the fields. The raid last night was more brutal than most blitzes. Others were engaged in digging into the ruins of a hotel where an unknown number of guests were buried alive.

Seven rescuers were killed when a bomb hit them while digging in the wreckage of a building. Three hospital patients were killed. One child was shot down in flames into the sea while another was thought to be destroyed.

War Courts For Britain

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—War Zone Courts to operate in any area invaded or heavily bombed have been formally established throughout England and Wales.

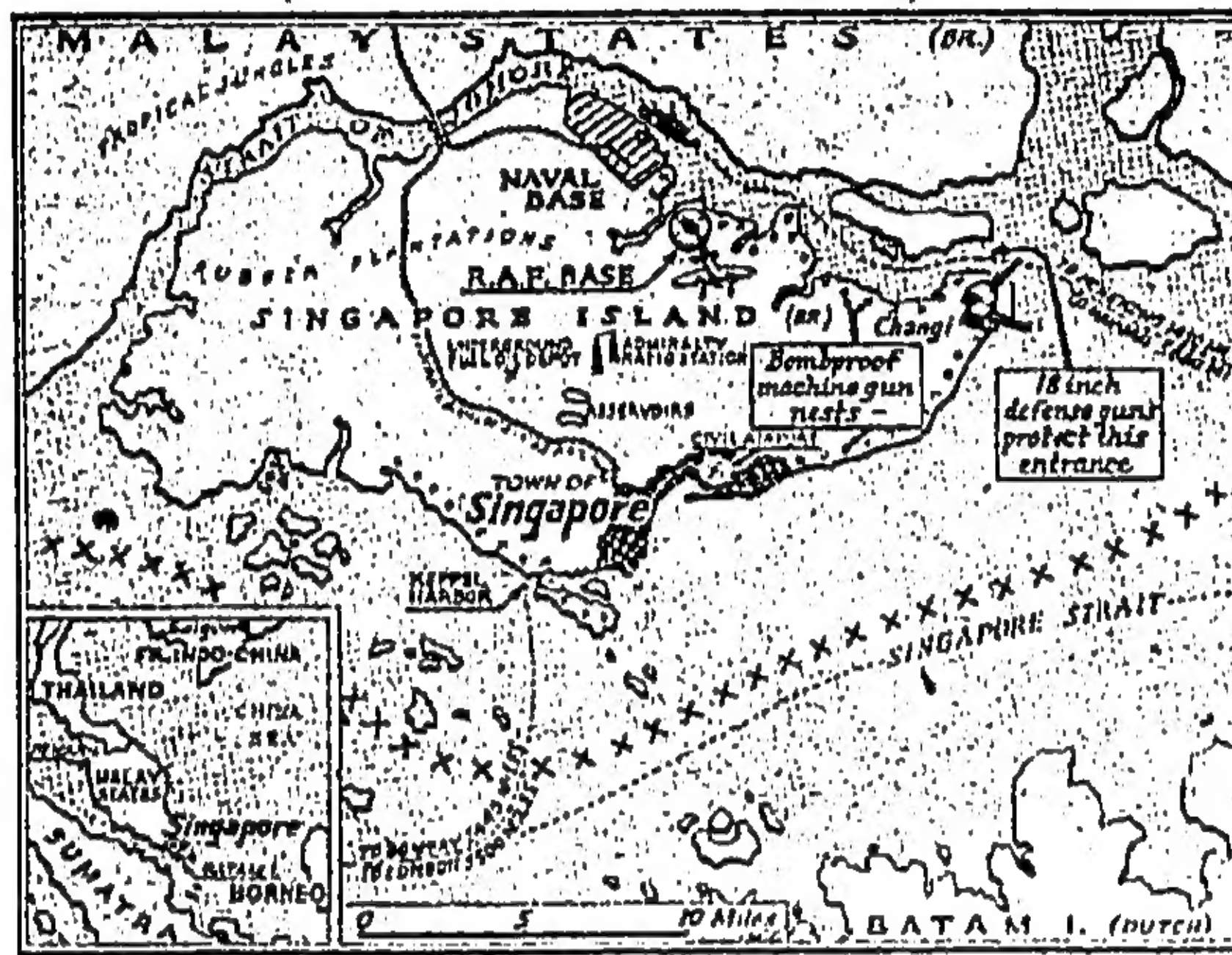
An order has been made by Mr Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, under the Defence Regulations dividing the country into 12 districts, broadly corresponding to the Civil Defence regions.

A number of High Court judges will be appointed to act as Presidents of the Courts which cannot function until an area has been declared a war zone by the Minister of Home Security.

Only cases of crime calling for speed will be dealt with and a panel of judges will review death sentences or other cases where the President of a Court certifies that there should be a review.

BRITAIN'S FAR EAST FORTRESS

This map of Singapore, published recently in the American newspapers "PM", illustrates not only the general course of the mine field laid in the Straits of Singapore during recent weeks, but gives the artist's impression of the strategical defences of the island. Singapore is Britain's fortress of the Far East.



R. A. F. "Suicide" Warplanes Attack German Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Defying a heavy storm of A.A. fire, British Blenheim bombers to-day pressed home an attack from a low altitude on two enemy destroyers escorting supply ships off the Dutch coast.

Their bombs were seen to strike home and one of the enemy warships was later seen spouting a great volume of smoke and came to a standstill, says the Air Ministry.

Schoolboys' Death Leap From Blazing Coach

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, were killed and seven were injured when they jumped from a blazing coach at the rear of a mid-day London-Newcastle express to-day near Claypole, Lincolnshire.

IRAN & IRAQ

British Troops Sway Opinion

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The arrival of British troops in Iraq has had a most reassuring effect upon Iran public opinion in view of the close ties between Iraq and Iran, which are linked by the Saadabad Treaty.

A certain section of the Iran press, however, has played up news of the German successes in Greece and the advance in Libya, according to reliable news received in London, states "Reuter's". Diplomatic Correspondent.

There is much speculation as to the German plans and the attitude of Turkey is watched with the greatest interest.

Cawnpore Riot Suppressed

BOMBAY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A clash between Muslims and Hindus occurred in a busy part of Cawnpore to-day.

The police fired on the mob and ten persons were wounded.

The situation there is tense and the District Magistrate has banned the assembly of more than five persons. The situation in Bombay shows an improvement and Ahmedabad is quiet.

LATEST

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain to-day was very slight. A few bombs were dropped on the northeast coast of Scotland and on the east and northeast coast of England, but very small damage was done.

Few people were injured, says the official British communiqué.

Soothing Statement By Japanese Envoy

MELBOURNE, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Japan has no intention of moving against Australia, declared Mr Tatsuo Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, in reply to-day to recent statements made here.

He said that it was the ambition of the Japanese to expand trade relations between the two countries.

Mr Kawai called on the Australian Labour Leader, Mr John

SINGAPORE, Apr. 28 (UP).—Lieutenant General L. V. Bond, General Officer in Command of Malaya in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" to-day declared that the "threat of invasion of Malaya definitely exists and it would be foolish to think otherwise."

He asserted that the defences in Malaya had been tremendously improved and increased since his appointment to the post in July 1939, but was smilingly tongue-tied when asked for comparative figures. "Two years ago, only Singapore Island was garrisoned, now we have troops throughout the peninsula.—We no longer think of defending the island only," he said.

Questioned regarding the additional reinforcements, General Bond said it was obvious that ample troops were available. "They seem to arrive on almost every ship nowadays," he asserted.

Stronger Air Force

Regarding American aid, General Bond paid tribute to the American planes, saying, "Malaya's air forces are infinitely stronger than ever before which is most essential for the defence of this country because potential invaders must have bases available from which they could launch large scale air attacks." Other than planes, Malaya is at present receiving only American tommy guns, trucks and lorries but no other military supplies.

General Bond declined to comment on the likelihood of either a land or sea invasion; however, he said that the attackers would face very different and difficult problems with land communications from the north than they had experienced elsewhere, adding with a smile, "also, they won't have any fifth columnists to help them here."

Japan Too Late?

The General asserted that the possibility of United States naval intervention might prove a deterrent to an invasion from the sea; however, the more recent and more definite indications that the United States might intervene in both the Atlantic and the Pacific might prompt Japan to act more quickly, although it seems that they might have left it a bit late now.

He agreed that Japan's policy seems to follow a parallel course with her Axis partners and their progress in Europe and therefore the Greco-Balkan situation might presage a new Japanese southward move. In this connection the General cited to-day's reported renewed Japanese press attacks against Indo-China, demanding a more sincere attitude towards Japan; however, he was of the opinion that the Russo-Japanese agreement will not assume much significance. "Russia had a non-aggression pact with Finland, you will remember," he declared.

New G. O. C. Soon

The interview was concluded with a very strong declaration of confidence in the Imperial forces and their ability to defend the entire Malay Peninsula. The General said that he would be leaving shortly to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom and that his successor would be Major-General A. E. Percival, former G.S.O. in Malaya from 1936 to 1938.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Bize—Symphony No. 1 in C Major—1st Mov. Allegro vivo, 2nd Mov. Adagio, 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace, 4th Mov. Allegro vivace.

London Philharmonic Orchestra, 1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Nat Gonella and His Georgians.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

9.32 p.m. Aldershot Tattoo, 1938—Massed Bands of the Aldershot and Eastern Commands.

6.50 Sea Shanties and Songs by Portsmouth Royal Naval Singers.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward in Variety—Where Are the Songs We Sung... Noel Coward (Baritone); "Crest of the Wave" Selection... The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; The Physician, Experiment (both from "Nymphs and Erast").

Gertrude Lawrence (soprano); Conversation Piece—Selection (Noel Coward)... Charles Prentice and His Orchestra; Mad Dogs and Englishmen; Let's Say Goodbye (both from "Words and Music")... (Noel Coward (Vocal)).

8.30 An Eric Coates Programme—Four Ways Suite—Northwards (March)—Southwards (Valse)—Eastwards (Eastern Dance)—Westwards (Rhythm)—New Light Symphony Orchestra; Bird Songs All Eventide... Richard Crooks (Tenor); London Bridge March... New Light Symphony Orchestra; The Fairy Tales of Ireland... Eassie Acland (Contralto); By the Sleepy Lagoon... Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World" No. 1: "What is Wrong with the Old World?"—Record talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.32 Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

9.45 Some Scottish Songs by Joseph Hislop (Tenor), and Jean Day (Soprano).

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 Studio—"China Produces for Resistance".

Talk by Rewi Alley.

10.10 Hawaiian Selections with Bing Crosby (Vocal).

10.35 Dance Music—Fox-Trot—When You Wish Upon a Star, Quickstep—Give a Little Whistle (both from film "Pinocchio")... Gerardo and His Savoy Hotel Orchestra; Tango—Claude Lorrain Y Reir... Junn Llossas and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade; Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-night?... Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Down The Trail of Dreams, Faithful Forever... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

11.00 Close Down.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 30th April, 1941, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1940, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to 30th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

B. ALVES, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th April, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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Profession Welcomes New Judge

Both branches of the legal profession as well as the staff of the Supreme Court, headed by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Attorney General, gathered at the Summary Court this morning to welcome the new Judge, Mr. Justice P.E.F. Cressall.

Introducing the new Judge, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor said: Mr. Attorney, I present to you and to the members of both branches of the profession my brother Cressall who this morning takes his seat for the first time on the Bench to which he has been appointed.

I have assured my brother that he will find from everyone who practises before him a high standard of professional attainment and a strict and jealous regard for the etiquette and decorum of the profession, and that he may confidently count on receiving from everyone that same measure of ready and willing assistance which has been always accorded to me and to all the Pulse Judges who have sat since I came to Hongkong.

On behalf of myself, the Registrar and every member of the staff of the Court, I extend to my brother Cressall a very warm welcome to Hongkong, and our best wishes for his happiness here.

Mr. Alabaster The Attorney General said: Mr. Justice Cressall, I regard it as a great privilege to be present here today, on behalf of the Officers of this Court and of the members of both branches of the legal profession and to extend to your Lordship a very warm and sincere welcome on your taking your seat on this Colony's Bench for the first time, after a long and distinguished career in His Majesty's service and on the Matrimonial and Judicial Bench in British Guiana and Palestine. We feel confident that the happy relations that have been established between the Bench and the officers and practitioners of the Court during the last century will continue to exist under your guidance as Pulse Judge of this Colony. We trust that your future here will be as happy as we are able to make it.

Acknowledgment Mr. Justice Cressall replied: Mr. Attorney, I would like first of all to express my gratitude to the Chief Justice for his very kind remarks in introducing me to you and also to thank you for the very warm welcome you have addressed me. I can assure you that in my past experience on the Bench there is one outstanding thing that I have always tried to remember and that is that no member of the Judicial Bench can make successful his job unless he has the complete co-operation and friendship of his brother members of the profession. I myself always regard members of the profession as brothers in every sense of the word and I know as I sit here that members of the profession will extend to me the help and assistance that any newcomer to the Bench of this Colony is entitled to ask.

Attacks On Wenchow By Chinese CHUNGKING, Apr. 28 (Central News).—Chinese troops are making a bid for the recapture of Wenchow, a city of 30 miles from the estuary of the Ou River. Heavy pressure is exerted upon the Japanese in occupation of the city.

The Japanese on the north bank of the Ou River have been cleaned up. Japanese troops landing at Sungmen on the coast at Wenchow on April 26 are driving toward Wenchow. They are being engaged by the Chinese.

Chinese troops have renewed their activity along the Nanjing-Hangchow highway. The Japanese garrisons at Wuhing and Wukang lost many men during Chinese attacks on April 25.

Prisoners In Norway LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuters).—Included in the latest list of 143 political prisoners in Oslo's principal goal are many well-known Norwegians—ship-owners, editors, teachers and a Supreme Court Judge—two British prisoners of the German civil and military forces.

The prisoners also included three German S.S. men and a German major, apparently the result of frequent internal quarrels in the German civil and military forces.

No Chinese Troops In Burma CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (Central News).—A Japanese report alleging that 2,000 Chinese troops entered Burma on April 20 was categorically denied by a spokesman of the National Military Council yesterday. He said that the purpose of circulating such a report at this time of tension is obvious.

The spokesman recalled that previous Japanese reports of the entry of 20,000 Chinese troops into Burma and the dispatch of Chinese troops to Lankay on the Yunnan-French Indo-China border had been denied by the Chinese authorities.

Exchange At A Glance

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4 m/s France	1/3 3/4
30 d/s India	1/3 3/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	4.03 1/4

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,325 s.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 n.
Chartered	70 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	22 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. & E.	11 1/4 n.
East Asia	70 b.

INSURANCES	
Cantons	222 1/2 n.
Union	430 s.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	187 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Stamboats	84 n.
Indo-China P. S.	80 b.
Indo-China D. S.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	40 7/8 n.
Waterboats	6.55 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	85 1/2 n.
Docks	15 n.
Providents	5 n.
Shul Dockyards	25 3/4 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	14/-
Rauha	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Holes x d.	2.80 b.
Lands	33 s.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/4 n.
Shal Lands Sh. s.	12 1/2 n.
Humphreys	6.70 n.
H.K. Realties	2.90 n.
Chinese Estates	90 n.

UTILITIES	
Trans s.	16.20 n.
Peaks Trans (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trans (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	52 n.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	5.85 n.
China Lights (new)	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x ris.	25 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	25 n.
H.K. Electric Rts.	14 1/2 n.
Mac Electric x d.	17 n.
Sandwich Light	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23 1/4 n.
Telephones (new) s.	9 1/4 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. s. 30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. s. 25 n.
Canton Ice s.	1 n.
Cement s. x d.	15 n.
H.K. Ropes s.	7 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	17 1/4 n.
Watsons	9 1/4 n.
Lane Crawford	7 1/4 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd. s.	1 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. s.	38 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. s.	200 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4% (1934)	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.S.B.D.	28 n.
H.K. Entertainments	6 1/2 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	67 1/2 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	27 1/2 n.

BURMA ROAD SURFACING

KUNMING, Apr. 29 (Central News).—The Chinese Government has decided to resurface the Poshan-Wangting section of the Burma Road with asphalt. This section which traverses mostly hilly regions is most difficult to travel.

Overseas Chinese in the South Seas are supporting this project. The South Seas Chinese Relief Federation of which Mr. Tan Kah-kee is chairman has set aside \$20,000 for the purchase of materials and repairs.

The materials have now been shipped to Yunnan and repair work will begin soon.

Ex-Queen Of Spain To See The Pope

VATICAN CITY, Apr. 28 (UP).—It was announced that His Holiness the Pope will receive the ex-Queen of Spain to-morrow. This will be the first time the Pope has received the Queen since the death of ex-King Alfonso, although he has already received Don Juan and Don Jaime.

K. F. C. Bowls Team

The following will represent Kowloon Football Club against Kowloon Dock in a friendly Lawn Bowls match on the latter's green to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.: A. MacIntyre, C. Downan, T. Ferguson, W. Simpson, J. Chittenden, W. W. Field, W. Neaf, A. Eastman, P. Youngusband, E. Kern.

Dodgers Beat Cincinnati Reds 3-2

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers claimed a narrow 3-2 victory over Cincinnati Reds in the National Baseball League to-day. In the American League, Chicago White Sox nosed out St. Louis Browns 2-1, and Cleveland Indians trounced Detroit Tigers 7-2.

Complete scores were: NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 2; Brooklyn, 3; Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 1; New York, 0; Washington, 0; St. Paul, 0; Cincinnati, 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 1; Detroit, 7; Cleveland, 1; Philadelphia, 1; New York, 0; Washington, 0; St. Paul, 0; Cincinnati, 3.

Further Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$15,537.63 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Chanter Restaurant Bomber Box (sixth donation)	40
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A.R.P. Upper Levels Division Dance on 19.4.41. (final instalment)	50

The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, Acknowledges the following donations:

Previously Acknowledged \$100 and 2009.915.34; Monetary Relief Prize for "Way" (second donation); H. Excellency, the Governor, \$500; D. W. Hume (monthly), \$10; the Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Broadfoot (monthly), \$250; sale of Knitting bags per Mrs. L. Dunbar \$134; total \$209,834.34.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the British War Organisation Fund—Lung Yung-ling (in connection with recent exhibition of Chinese War Paintings in Cathedral Hall) \$50.

Beaverbrook Thanks Dodwell The following telegram has been received from the Hon. Mr. S. J. Dodwell, Minister for Aircraft Production:

"It is with immense gratitude that I have noted the contributions made by the staff of your Company in the Far East to the gift of a Spitfire for the Royal Air Force."

"They show a spirit of generous devotion to our Cause that is an inspiration and encouragement to the people of Britain and I send to them all my warmest thanks."

Lord Mayor's Fund The following letter, dated February 18, last, has been received from Mr. W. H. Herce, Secretary, Lord Mayor's National Air Aid District Fund, London:

"I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28, last, enclosing a draft for £15,199, the equivalent of \$22,000 Hongkong Currency, donated by one of your readers to the Lord Mayor's Air Aid District Fund, for which I thank you."

"I attach herewith official receipt No. 2721 covering this contribution, and I would ask you to forward it to the Lord Mayor for his personal thanks to the donor and to the people of Hongkong who have helped the Fund."

Handicaps For Macao Races On Sunday Following are the handicaps for the various events of the Macao Jockey Club meeting on Sunday:

The Kwan Chai Handicap, First Section (six furlongs)—Bow Jones (12), Heddon (12), Lancashire Cup (14), Piet Hein (12), National Success (12), New Bedford (12), Radium Star (14), The Kwan Chai Handicap, Second Section (six furlongs)—Black Diamond (12), Cribari Lov (12), Hopetown (12), The Kwan Chai Handicap, Third Section (six furlongs)—Cloudy Star (14), Double Up (12), Eagle (12), Iron Knight (12), National Triumph (14),

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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Rupert Brooke—Poet-Soldier His Message Lives

The war in Greece and the occupation by the Germans of Lemnos and other islands in the Aegean recalls the memory of Rupert Brooke, the young poet-soldier. He lies in Skyros, the Isle of Achilles, one of the loveliest of the Isles of Greece.

Of him Mr Winston Churchill said:—"Rupert Brooke's thrilling voice has been swiftly stilled, but its message lives. In his incomparable war sonnets he told, with all the simple force of genius, the sorrow and triumph of youth prepared to die for a noble cause. And he himself died in the absolute conviction of the rightness of his country's crusade."

Probably the loveliest of those war sonnets, as it is the best known, is "The Soldier" which I quote in part:—

"If I should die, think only this of me;
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home."

Rupert Brooke was only 28 when he died. He was on his way to fight at Gallipoli, and his transport, the Granville Castle, put into the Bay of Skyros.

Brooke and his friends scrambled joyously up and down the steep slopes of that exquisite island—an island like a great rock-garden of white and pink marble overgrown with every kind of wild flower, and everywhere splashed with great patches of vivid anemones.

They rested in the shade of an olive grove. Five days later, on April 23, 1915—the day of Shakerpeare and of St George—Brooke was buried under those very trees. He died from acute blood poisoning on board the French hospital ship, the Dugway-Idol, which happened to be at Skyros.

His friends dug his grave and lined it with the gayest wild-flowers they could gather, and the sailors carried him at night by the light of lanterns up the steep flex-bordered path. As the poignant notes of the "Last Post" rang across the moonlit bay, Rupert Brooke's soldier comrades recalled his exulting sonnet, "The Dead":—

By M. M. GORRIE

"Stew out, your bugles, over the rich dead!
There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.
These laid the world away; poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be
Of work and joy, and that un-hoped serene.
That men call age; and those who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their immortality."

The bronze statue of the young poet on Skyros—"Rupert's Island," his friends call it—stands high above the beach, silhouetted against sea and sky. The inhabitants of Skyros gave the ground and the marble for its base, and the statue itself is the gift of men and women in all corners of the world.

On the pedestal is a medallion of the poet's head and the simple inscription:—"To Rupert Brooke, and Immortal Poetry."

On the outbreak of war Brooke had joined the Naval Brigade, and in October 1914 took part in the expedition for the relief of Antwerp. Writing to a friend, he says:—

"I saw a city bombarded and 100,000 refugees. Antwerp was like several different kinds of hell. The Germans' policy of frightfulness succeeded well. I'll never forget that white-faced endless procession of broken people. It's ghastly for anyone who liked Germany as well as I did. Their guilt can never be washed out. I'm afraid, fifty years, won't give them the continuity and loveliness of life back again. And now I've a feeling of anger at a seen wrong—Belgium—to make me more resolved in my work. The central purpose of my life now—the thing God wants of me—is to get good at beating Germans."

And back in Blandford camp, in the sublimation of spirit engendered by the solemn dedication of his life to this end, his "1914" war sonnets were conceived—"my five camp-children" he called them when writing to a friend.

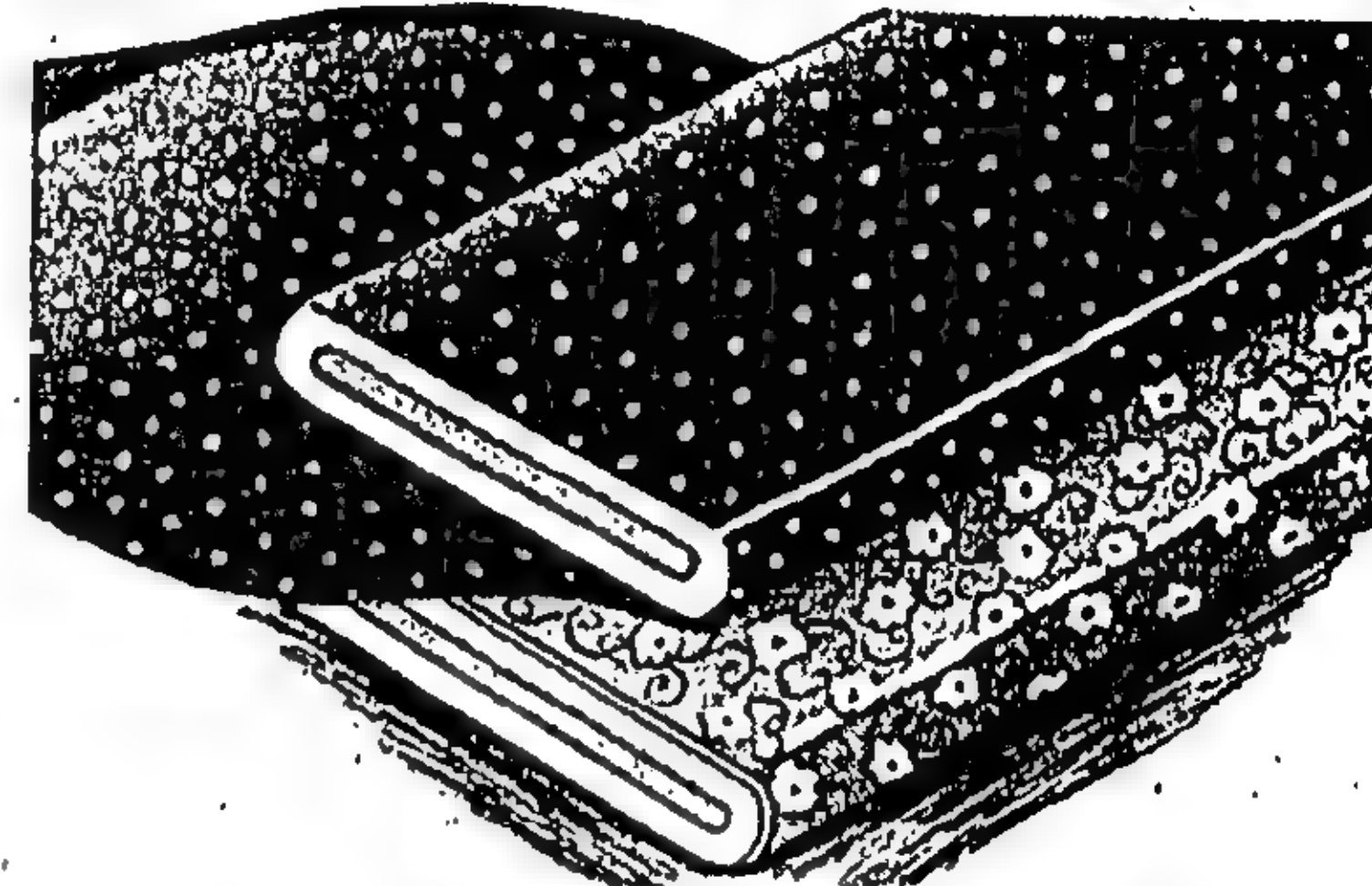
Brooke saw and loved, "the beauty that lives among the common things." He writes:—
"These have I loved,
White plates and cups clean gleaming;
Soft furs to touch, and feathered fairy dust,
Wet roofs beneath the lamplight; the strong crust
Of friendly bread; and many tasting food.
The cool kindness of sheets, that soon
Smooth away trouble; and the rough male kiss
Of blankets; grainy wood; the keen
Unpassioned beauty of a great machine."

Both at Rugby and at King's College, Cambridge, he was steeped in the Hellenic tradition. Poetry was born in Greece; thus Brooke lies buried in the land of his spiritual birth.
And he and all the other sons of Britain who lie in the "corners of those foreign fields that are for ever England" must surely watch with infinite pride, their sons' gallant response to the message of the Fiery Cross of Freedom. Their sacrifice will not and must not be in vain.

'DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE'



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CHURCHILL'S REALISM

REALISM, by which is meant unflinching acceptance of facts, and potentialities no matter how grim or disagreeable they may be, has always been an outstanding characteristic of Mr Winston Churchill, but never has this been more forcibly or effectively demonstrated as in his speeches delivered during the past 18 months either in Parliament or through the microphone to the nethermost ends of the earth.

Mr Churchill's realism is that of a courageous, honest man, whose vision remains un-b.e.c.l.o.u.d.e.d. by wishfulness. Sometimes his insistence upon presenting the truth and nothing but the truth is almost brutal in its effect. Thus, during his magnificent peroration to the Empire on Sunday night, he found himself as spokesman for Britain, capable of declaring, "While these grievous events (withdrawal from Greece and defeat of Yugo-Slavia) are taking place in the Balkans our forces in Libya sustained a vexatious and damaging defeat."

It is certain that fresh dangers besides those which threaten Egypt may come upon us in the Mediterranean. The war may spread to Spain and Morocco. It may spread eastwards to Turkey and Russia. Germans may lay their hands for a time on the granaries of the Ukraine or the oil wells of the Caucasus. They may dominate the Caspian. Who can tell?

This is plain speaking, but it is not defeatism, for, in his purposeful tone of voice, Britain's Premier went on to declare that Britain would meet the Nazis anywhere, and, without under-rating their prowess as warriors, would fight them until victory had been won.

And it was Churchill's realism which prompted him once again to insist that the final victory would come in the defeat of Hitler's Atlantic offensive. In effect, the Premier said: We may suffer reverses in the Balkans, Egypt, the Near East and elsewhere, but we cannot lose this war until Britain has been invaded and overcome, or her ocean life-line across the Atlantic has been taken from her.

To nervous, short-term policy thinkers, this may be a forbidding alternative, but for those who have courage at the present and faith in the future, it places in true perspective the position existing in the light of which the democracies are now waging against totalitarianism. Mr Churchill's message comes as a new inspiration to those in the Empire,



WEYGAND THE HERO, TURNS DEFEATIST

IN the month extending from May 16, in which the wind of catastrophe whirled above his head, to June 16, when he collapsed in face of the decisive effort, M. Paul Reynaud laboured with prodigious energy and a courage worthy of success to rescue his country from an apparently hopeless situation.

His efforts were marked by fatal errors, unjust and useless cruelties, and by irreparable blunders.

He set about refashioning his Ministry. Daladier moved reluctantly from the Ministry of War to the Foreign Office.

Marshal Petain replied "Present!" without a shadow of hesitation when, for purely decorative purposes, he was asked to accept a Ministry of State with the title of Vice-President of the Council.

M. Mandel, the man who wanted to conduct the war with ferocious vigour—against the internal as well as the external enemy—became Minister of the Interior.

Gamelin was to be replaced by Weygand, who stood for the epic of the other war. He stood for Foch. They sent for him. He would come.

Petain—Weygand—Mandel.

The choice of these three was calculated, for different reasons, to inspire confidence in the nation at a period when the military situation remained constantly disquieting.

Hope Renewed

General Weygand's arrival revived failing courage. If Weygand agreed to conduct military operations, that meant he did not despair.

Indeed, as soon as he arrived, he conveyed an impression of coolness, lucidity and vitality.

Mr Winston Churchill, who came to Paris for a few hours, paid this tribute to the septuagenarian when he had a conversation with him: "I'm afraid you're a little too young."

Weygand plunged into the adventure. He flew over the Franco-Belgian front to discuss matters with the commanders of the armies under his orders, including the Belgian army and the B.E.F. Everywhere he left an impression of calm and confident strength.

At the War Ministry this flight was considered as the prelude to a skilful manoeuvre.

"In Danger!"

Then the names Peronne, Arras and Amiens appeared in the communications.

especially in a place like Hongkong, who may find cause for fretfulness and disheartenment in the current war news. The battle which is to destroy Hitlerism once and for all is still to come. Britain and the Empire, aided by the United States, are busily preparing for it; Mr Churchill, as leader of the Empire, awaits the hour with calm confidence; such leadership demands our unwavering support and loyalty.

The Senate assembled. A gust of anger blew along the lobbies of the Luxembourg, and M. Paul Reynaud went up into the rostrum to make a statement.

Without preamble he pronounced the great sentence of the French Revolution, which fell amid the Assembly like a bomb:—

"The Country is in danger!"

A murmur swelled into a roar. There were demands for the names of those to blame, of those responsible.

M. Reynaud disclosed that incredible errors—which would be punished—had been committed, notably the failure to blow up the bridges over the Meuse.

The curt, accusing sentences lashed the nerves of his hearers, and raised tension to the pitch of paroxysm. Gloomy silences followed shouts of indignation.

The atmosphere cleared only a trifle when he proclaimed his confidence "in the great leader who has taken command of our armies," and "in the soldier of France who will be worthy of his ancestors."

During the twenty-first, twenty-second, and several

nounced the name of an official of the Ministry of War.

"Shall we manage to save the army of the North?"

He made an evasive gesture.

"We're doing our utmost."

Forty-eight hours were lost when Gamelin was still in command. We ought not to have sent that army to Belgium."

"Have you superseded many people?"

"Yes. And it's not finished yet. We shall turn a good many intelligent and determined colonel into generals."

"From information I have received," I said, "may I put you on your guard against a peace offensive intended to separate us from England?"

"I guarantee that we shall withstand it."

"And Petain?" she gasped.

"Oh, we shall convince him, make him see that France, whose birth-rate is already low, cannot risk the loss, as in 1914-18, of another fifteen hundred thousand dead, and perhaps more!"

M. Paul Reynaud, I believe, never knew anything of this conspiracy, of which he was to be the victim along with the nation.

And while this venom was trickling into French veins the military tragedy was developing. The defences of Boulogne and Calais were overrun by the German motorised divisions.

Capitulation

Just when a gigantic battle was in progress, in which the fortune of arms seemed to be turning away from France and a maximum of intrepidity was needed to swing advantage to our side, what happened?

"The Belgian Army"—I quote the accusing terms in which M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting on the morning of May 28, trounced the King of the Belgians—"the Belgian army has just capitulated unconditionally in the thick of the fight and on the order of its King, without warning its French and British comrades-in-arms and opening to the German troops the road to Dunkirk."

"That," declared M. Paul Reynaud, "is an action without precedent in history."

Strict justice compels me to say that Belgian voices have been raised to clear King Leopold III of the charge of treachery laid upon him in M. Paul Reynaud's speech.

M. Gutt, the Belgian Minister of Finance, who, until the arrival in London of M. Pierlot and M. Spaak, represented the Belgian Government in Great Britain, publicly stated that Leopold III had not come to terms with the enemy and remained a prisoner.

Despair

M. Gutt—and when one knows his moral and intellectual worth, his evidence carries weight—has declared that the capitulation of the Belgian army was inevitable.

He wrote: "The total collapse of the French armies in the South, coupled with the orders of the French Generalissimo preventing the Belgian troops from retreating at a time they could have done it, bought about the encirclement of the Belgian Army and made the surrender unavoidable."

During the night of May 27-28, a Council of Ministers was held at the Elysee.

Weygand was called on to forecast the course of events. It was asserted that he said: "The Germans will get through where and when they like."

In him the strategist and the tactician began to give way to the partisan with a fear of Bolshevism.

From then on his chief thought was to keep ready to his hand an army of social defence against an imaginary revolution. No longer would he command victory.

To-morrow

The French Government leaves Paris for Tours. De Gaulle suggests making a desperate stand in Brittany. Arrangements made to go there are overruled through intervention of M. de Perle and the "Peace party," who want Bordeaux. Weygand demands that a request be made for an armistice.

France—the Whole Truth

Third Article

by ELIE J. BOIS

Famous Paris Editor and for 20 years an intimate of France's leading politicians. His death occurred in England yesterday.

days following, General Weygand, who had been summoned and who had come in order to be the saviour, believed in the possibility of saving.

That was the impression I had after a talk with M. Reynaud on May 25.

"Weygand," he declared, "is reassuringly clear-headed. Marshal Petain is ready for anything that may be asked of him."

"Yesterday we went together to see what the defences of Paris are like—just in case it should be necessary to defend Paris."

"And it will be defended?"

"Tooth and nail."

"Can He Do It?"

I reminded him discreetly that on May 16 some members of the Government had insinuated that Paris should be evacuated. He replied in brisk, ardent, staccato sentences:

"It was Gamelin who scared people. I ordered him to defend Paris at any price."

"We have gained the ascendancy again, and I assure you there's no longer any question of leaving Paris defenceless."

"Even if you went to Tours it would be scarcely less dangerous than Paris."

Obviously. Unfortunately we haven't enough planes, enough material. Oh! he exclaimed. "That—" And, raising despairing arms, he pro-

ceeded to say that the necessity of defeat.

Defeat? Yes. Defeat! By asking for an armistice at once, they argued, good peace terms would be obtained.

Thanks to Mussolini, Hitler would be magnanimous, well content to have a few ports at their disposal against England, with whom France could then break off alliance.

In writing this I am putting forward nothing of which I am not certain.

I say that persons of importance—and I know the name of one to whom Marshal Petain's Government recently assigned a prominent position—made to several people confidential remarks which I can sum up as follows:

France is in need of defeat. Defeat is necessary for her regeneration. Victory would strengthen the political regime which has led to her moral ruin.

Anything is preferable to the continuation of so perfidious a regime.

Defeat followed by a rapid peace will perhaps cost us a province, a few ports, some colonies. What is that in comparison with France's regeneration, which is indispensable?

Conspiracy

One of the people the group wished to convince, because her salon was the meeting-place of a number of distinguished men and women who might be useful propagandists was at first indignant at the monstrosity of the plan.

So they invoked the authority of the men who were the apos-

Keynes To Visit U. S.

Financial Genius

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The famous British economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, member of the Economic Advisory Council, is making a brief visit to Washington at the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to confer with the United States Administration and the British Supply Council on the operation of the Lease and Lend Act and other related matters.

The name of Keynes has been much before the British public since the outbreak of war in connection with his plan for compulsory savings aimed at curtailing private expenditure. The general idea of this plan was followed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the new budget which provides for crediting to tax-payers a portion of their income tax for use by them after the war.

Mr. Keynes was a civil servant for 13 years and is now back at the Treasury. He drafted some intricate agreements for Inter-Allied Loans in the last war and was the Treasury's principal adviser at the Peace Conference.

STOCK EXCHANGE Prices Firmly Held

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market was firmly held, heartened by the Premier's speech, but business was very quiet and was largely confined to gilt-edged securities which were unchanged on the day.

Among the Industrials, Cable and Wireless were strong, while Motors and some steel were slightly higher. Oils were quiet, Attock and Anglo-Iranian being lower. Kailira were idle.

In the foreign market, Egyptian bonds were unfixed and firm. Wall Street was hesitant.

Sikorski's Appeals To U. S. Poles

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The visit of General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, to America has contributed in the highest degree to stimulating the war effort of 5,000,000 Poles, declare Polish circles.

His appeals to the Poles of America to help the British and Allied cause have been heard by large enthusiastic audiences in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo.

ROOSEVELT NOW IN CHUNGKING

Captain James Roosevelt, Marine Corps, and his companion Major Thomas, should be in Chungking now. They left early this morning for the capital of Free China after a quiet day in which they were received by H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and were entertained to luncheon at the American Club.

Hitler Gets Down To Colonies

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Preparations are being made to form a German Colonial Ministry, said a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman to-day.

The spokesman added that Germany regarded her colonial claims irrevocable.

Greek Assets Frozen

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day ordered the immediate freezing of Greek credits and cash in the United States.

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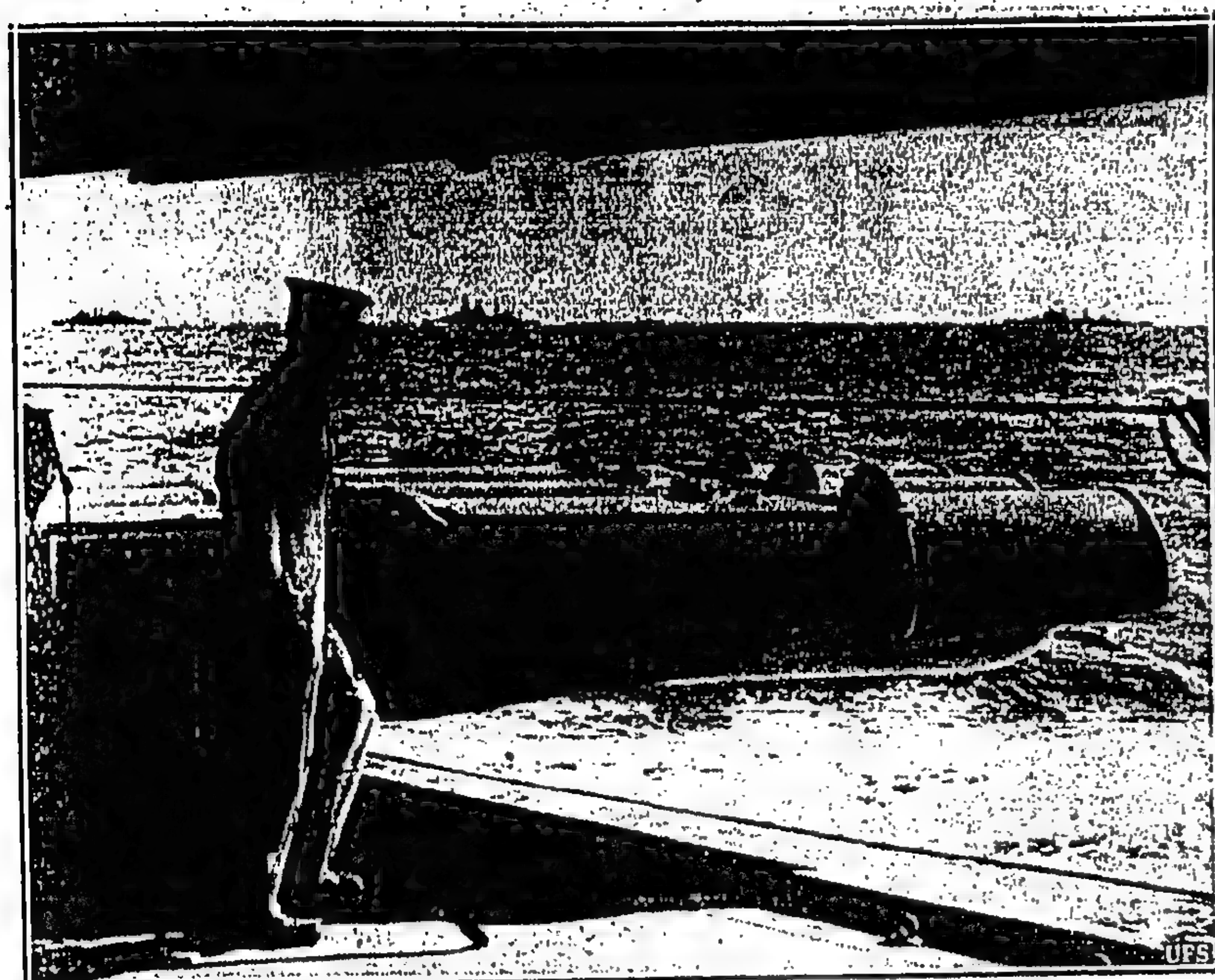
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TUBES FOR ACTION—Giant triple torpedo tubes swing outward and are ready for action from the side of a British warship in the Mediterranean. Units of the British Navy are shown in the distance.

Model Refugee Settlement Makes Good Progress In First Year

A model settlement project for European refugees in the Dominican Republic has grown in a year into a thriving colony of several hundred persons.

This was disclosed by officials of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which announced in Washington that representatives of the 32 nations having members on the Committee will visit the Colony to see what progress has been made.

The experiment which may form a pattern for large-scale resettlement of European refugees in the New World already has opened up a bright future to the many colonists transplanted there, officials said.

But two-thirds of the colonists are men—most of them in their early twenties—and they need feminine help and companionship, officials explained.

Want Women Pioneers
So the representatives in Europe who have on the qualifications of the prospective colonists, are looking for some hardy young women to become pioneers.

The Dominican project was started by the Intergovernmental Committee a year ago with the organization of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association after the Republic agreed to receive 100,000 refugees. The Association, privately supported, was capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, former President of the Dominican Republic, personally contributed an estate of 26,000 acres with buildings and equipment at Sosua for the Colony.

There the colonists are trained in agriculture, handicraft and other work, and given a start in their new pursuits. So far they have converted 3,000 acres into farming land and organized their own dairy industry.

Coming from various European countries, they are taught Spanish and otherwise prepared for Dominican citizenship.

Watch Against Agitators
Politics has little place in the Colony, officials said. Examiners are careful to keep out potential political agitators.

The settlers have already built and cleared 10 miles of road and have used in connection with buildings for new arrivals, 500 gallons of paint, more than 4,000 pounds of nails, and have laid 120,000 square feet of metal roofing. The settlers get their own homesteads with about 25 to 30 acres of land after some knowledge of tropical agriculture.

Another Tract Donated
The Generalissimo has just donated 50,000 more acres for the settlement of refugees. The land is adjacent to the 26,000-acre estate at Sosua.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Hotels \$2.80

Sellers
H.K. Banks \$1,340
Union Ins. \$430
Lands \$23
Trams \$16.20
Electricity \$14.50
Cements \$15

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,325
Trams \$15.80
Lights "O" \$5.85

Cannon Ball Gift From U.S.

A British cannon ball which lodged in the wall of Tennent Church, New Jersey, during the Battle of Monmouth Court House between the Americans under Gen. Washington and the British commanded by Sir Henry Clinton on June 28, 1778, is to be sent to Mr. Churchill.

Its present owner, Mr. Hamilton Cochrane, in making the gift, writes: "I feel it should now be returned to its original owners for the purpose of adding one more shot in the heroic fight Britain is making for the maintenance of freedom and democracy."

Children To Holiday On Farms

Children are to join conscientious objectors, aliens and conscript labour in work on the farms in Britain.

School holidays are to be fixed at short notice—if necessary for those periods when the need for seasonal agriculture is greatest, it is stated—for the Government considers it essential that the fullest use should be made of the assistance which can be given by older children.

The broad plan of recruitment for agricultural workers has now been worked out, Mr. R. S. Hodson, Minister of Agriculture, told Essex farmers at Chelmsford recently.

Women Too

It was not intended to take all the men needed from any one age group, he stated. More farm labour was wanted this year, and the Government was trying to devise means to meet the demand. Already several thousands of conscientious objectors and quite a few aliens were being employed.

"We must look to women to make up deficiencies," he added.

Quo Tai-chi Busy In Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, who received an ovation, with Dr. Hu Shih, from a large Washington audience on Sunday night, starts a busy programme on Tuesday which will bring him in contact with many important Congressional and Administration leaders.

On Tuesday night, the Embassy will be the scene of a dinner at which Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, and Senator Alben Barkley, the Majority Leader, will be present.

Embassy Reception

On Wednesday, Dr. Quo will call on Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator, and in the afternoon he will be the guest of honour at a big reception in the Embassy gardens, to be attended by representatives of the official, diplomatic, social and press sections in Washington.

On Thursday, Dr. Quo will be the guest of Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, at lunch. On Friday he will lunch with Mr. Cordell Hull and on the same evening will meet, at a dinner at the Chinese Embassy, Mr. Jesse Jones, Judge Felix Frankfurter and Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee of Foreign Relations.

Nazis Said Using New Mine

The Germans have developed a new type of mine, exploded by the vibrations of a ship's propeller, the first officer of a freighter told reporters when he arrived at an eastern Canadian port.

He said the new mine was brought into use after the British began using the de Gausse Nullifier, which destroyed the effectiveness of the magnetic mine.

"The British will solve this too," he predicted.

The officer also claimed the Nazis were camouflaging some of their planes to resemble British Spitfires.

Ruse Discovered

On one occasion, he said, he was in a convoy guarded by two Spitfires when a third plane approached. Of much the same shape, it had been painted to resemble the famous British fighter.

The British pilots discovered the ruse and shot the intruder down within 100 yards of his ship, he said.

Topsy-Turvy Towns

American Examples

Memphis (Tennessee) and Flanagan (Illinois) have tied for the title of topsy-turvy town, says Associated Press from New York.

Memphis City Council, in an outburst of absent-mindedness, last winter routed a bus line over a non-existent street, forbade the sounding of car horns.

Then they discovered there were already laws requiring the blowing of horns in certain situations. Motorists took matters into their own hands. One used a whistle for a signal and another navigated traffic eluding a cowbell.

Election Day Liquor

In Flanagan citizens voted for the building of a new high school and authorised the purchase of land. But when it came to voting the money for the whole project they pulled a resounding "No."

Runner-up in the "topsy-turvy" championship was Atlanta (Georgia). There everybody was so forgetful about city election day that the liquor stores inadvertently stayed open nearly all day against the law before anybody noticed it.

Rio Grande Salt Deposits

The Rio Grande through its several tributaries deposits five tons of salt into the Gulf of Mexico every minute, according to a survey by engineers.

In a single day the river deposits the equivalent of 1,420 five-ton truck loads of salt into the gulf, the survey found.

Largest single contributor of salt to the Rio Grande is the Pecos River of West Texas.

DESTINY Greek Premier On Last Strongholds

CANEA, Crete, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—"Destiny has chosen two islands as the last but worthy rampart of the free peoples of Europe—the great island of Britain and this Greek island," declared Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the Greek Prime Minister, in a speech here to-day.

"The people of these islands are fighting the supreme battle of liberty. A black flood has swept over Europe. Humanity has known in the past similar barbaric invasions but the civilisation of free men always prevailed."

"A moving spectacle of resistance to the aggressors has been presented by even small islands like Lemnos and Samothrace, and the splendid example set by the Greek people as a whole in fighting six months against an empire."

"We have come to this land of liberty and courage in order that we should not allow ourselves to be enslaved and to continue the fight."

Australian Donation

SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Presenting the Consul General for Greece, Mr. M. Vrisakis, with a cheque for £50,000, proceeds of the Greek Day appeal, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Alexander Mair, said that no one in his right senses would have doubted that the Empire would aid Greece.

Expressing gratitude that Australia was giving all possible support to Greece, Mr. Vrisakis said that the Anzacs fought with undaunted courage beside the valiant Greek army. The mutual sacrifice would not be in vain.

Australian Political Views

Labour Leader

SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. D. O. Watkins, Member of the House of Representatives for Newcastle, New South Wales, one of the strongest Labour constituencies, declared to-day that Labour should either attempt to govern or enter the National Government.

He is the first Labour member to express publicly views which are held privately by many other Labour members.

Fadden To Churchill

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Acting Australian Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, has cabled Mr. Churchill: "You have the full support of Australia in your great work," according to newspaper reports from Sydney.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (UP).—The Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, to-day assured Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, of the unity of Australia and Britain regarding the prosecution of the war and transmitted to Mr. Hull copies of the statements of Labour leader John Curtin and Acting Premier Mr. A. W. Fadden containing similar aims.

Mr. Casey discussed many matters with Mr. Hull and said the latter indicated there were some "interesting long range views" on the Far East.

Ogpu Chief's New Post

Laurenti Beria, hitherto chief of the Ogpu since 1939, has been given a new post, that of General Commissar for State Security, a Moscow message states. This is a new department in the Soviet Government.

When Beria was made Commissar for Internal Affairs, and thus became chief of the Ogpu, particularly strong measures and persecution of all those elements which were considered pro-German was expected and foreboded.

His appointment followed the "purge" of Marshal Tukhachevski and those who were accused of having had dealings with Germany.

Man Who Killed Matteotti

Amerigo Dumini, notorious for his part in the murder of Matteotti, the Italian Socialist, in June 1924, is among the 100,000 Italian prisoners taken by the British in Africa.

He gave himself up at Derna, where he has been living for nine years on a pension, fearing the re-opening of the case if a new regime came into power in Italy.

After a prolonged trial for the murder, he was in 1928 with two others sentenced to five years' imprisonment for killing without premeditation, but was shortly afterwards released.

NO SLUGGARDS

A farmer in Bell County, Texas, has uncovered a new production "system." Needing 200 pounds of buffalo grass seed, he simply dug into the hills of red ants and removed the supply, collected, cleaned and stored by the insects.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

1940/41 Season Under Review

Greater Interest Shown In Junior Division

Pros And Cons Of The League

AND SO WE HAVE COME to the end of another season. I seem to have written that sentence so often. It means nothing to the youngsters, except, perhaps, hope for the future, and little for the early middle-aged. But for the older players it means a good deal that is, perhaps, somewhat depressing. One does not improve with age as wine does. Even the cricket scribe is tempted to wonder whether he will be writing of the next season. And so frankly I write in a somewhat sad frame of mind.

I had not indeed intended to write more than a few lines, perhaps of farewell, but I have been asked to state my views as to whether there should or should not be a League next season.

The great difficulty in making up my mind about the best course for the future is that I do not feel I have any really sound ground upon which to stand. I had expected cricket to be torn to pieces by the demands of military training. My expectation was entirely fulfilled.

However, the particularly bad weather with which we have been cursed during the season has made it almost impossible to sum up how we really stand.

Given the needs of the military, as things went, one must admit that the Senior Division of the League was a flop, but I find it very difficult to make up my mind how much to sheer dam bad weather.

I have turned the matter over pretty carefully in my mind and I have come to a conclusion which will probably commend itself to very few.

That is to continue the Junior Division of the League but to scrap the Senior Division unless certain arrangements can be made. I will speak later of these arrangements. My recommendation that the Junior League should continue is based largely on the fact that they seemed extremely keen about it, and that they have completed all their games.

It is possible that military duties do not press so heavily upon them as they do on the teams which have been playing in the Senior Division.

I make this statement with the utmost reserve, and it may be entirely incorrect. The fact remains however that all games were played off and when the very last game of all was played, a game which had no relation whatever to the winning of the Shield, I have never seen more keenness.

It was the only Second Division match that I have been able to watch right through, and I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity of watching such a keenly contested game, sincerely from the desire of each side to pull off a game which had nothing to do with the capturing of a

Au Revoir Or Good Bye!

I CONFESS to some hopes of writing these notes again next season, but, after all, I have had a pretty long innings. Mr. R. Abbit is, I believe, at the end of his 21st season of writing his notes here or there.

I may have included a year or so too much at the beginning, but I was certainly writing them to obtain contributions for the troops' cigarette fund before I went home in the Spring of 1923.

It has been a good innings, and I don't think I have ever really seriously quarrelled with anybody or hurt their feelings. If I have done so I am sorry.

I will refrain from copying Samuel and asking them to come out and bear witness against me, but I will express my sincere regret to anyone I have inadvertently really hurt them. As I say, I hope that I may be enabled to write next season. This will then be au revoir. If not, let me bid you all good-bye.

shield. This is the right spirit and as it should be.

The Seniors

FROM WHAT I have seen and from what I have read this season I cannot say that the League has been in any way a success. I don't want to be dogmatic, and as I have said, it may be that the weather is at the bottom of it, but with an exception which I shall discuss later, I am personally of the opinion that there should be no senior League. In the first place the Shield was intended for competition among all the Cricket clubs in the Colony. Now that the Army, the Navy and the Hongkong Club are unable to put teams in for the Senior Shield, it seems to me that the Shield is somewhat falling from its high estate.

In the second place there appeared to be the greatest difficulty in getting the fixtures in the Senior Division played off, but I do not in any way wish to enter into any form of argument. The fact remains that fixtures were not played off, and this again leads me to suggest that the Shield should be dropped next year.

A Possible Alternative

IF IT IS to be played for at all I suggest most strongly that it should be played as soon as possible after the first week in October. Now that there are apparently two training periods, the old reason for playing after the first week of January is not existent.

I think there might be a universal let up over the Christmas and New Year holidays as matches between the full strength of the Hongkong Club and the Kowloon Club could be arranged then at home and away.

There is no doubt that the best match of the whole season was that between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C., and it is a great pity that the return could not be played on the K.C.C. Ground. But if League there be it should be played in our better weather period.

A Final Reflection

I HAVE BEEN considerably worried during the past months by the apparent lack of interest in the H.K.C.C. cricket. The unfortunate illness of Harry Owen Hughes, from which we hope to see him out again very shortly, has undoubtedly cramped the style of the Club.

The indefatigable Eric Mitchell has been off on leave towards the end of the season. Someone has got to get under the Club cricket. Alec and John Pearce have commissions. It would be pathetic for the oldest cricket Club in the Colony by tens of years to fall upon years of decay.

A possible solution seems to me is that as neither the Army nor the Club can put out regular sides they should amalgamate and play as the Club for most of the Army officers (or I think so) are members of the Cricket Club.

All this may be a little visionary, but the onlooker does see a good deal of the game, and unless the Club First Eleven can be pulled together, it would be better to concentrate on the Second Eleven as an "A" team.

VICTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL TEAM



CHINA. The victorious international girls' team that retained the Softball Shield on Sunday in defeating Portugal. Standing: Grandpa Leung (Coach and manager), Mary Mar, Ulian Khoo, Rennie Yuen, Lily Mar, Margaret Young. Kneeling: Dot Louie, Virginia Chiu, Mary Ng, Doris Mar, Gloria Mar. — Ming Yuen.

Badminton Finals At K.C.C. To-night

Tsui-Rumjahn Tennis Match Abandoned

THOUGH it seemed pretty obvious at 4.15 p.m. that the Colony Tennis Singles semi-final between Tsui Wai-pui and S. A. Rumjahn would not be played, yet a start was made at the Stand Court yesterday.

The heavy clouds threatened, and after one game the match was called off, not because of the rain—it had not yet fallen—but because of the bad light. It was not too soon, however, for the rain then came down in torrents.

S. A. Rumjahn commenced serving and led 40-15, but Tsui pulled up and took the first game.

The tickets for yesterday's match will be valid for the next match between these two players.

To-day's Matches

At the time of writing, it is most doubtful if any of the scheduled matches for to-day will be played. Matches to-day are those of the Club Tournaments, and the premier one will be that between M. Pugh (holder) and Capt. R. E. Guest in the Championship Singles semi-final. This will be on the Stand Court.

It has not been decided yet, but in all probability the Club ground will be closed.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 3:

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Scotland v. England.

LONDON CUP
Chelsea v. Queen's Park Rangers; Arsenal v. Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Nournemouth v. Southampton; Brighton v. Watford; Luton v. Portsmouth; Norwich v. Southend.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v. Fulham; Crystal Palace v. Clapton Orient; Northampton v. Millwall; Reading v. West Bromwich Albion; Westham v. Brentford.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Barnsley v. Chesterfield; Blackpool v. Manchester City; Bradford v. Rotherham; Burnley v. Gillingham; Halifax v. Middlesbrough; Manchester United v. Liverpool; Newcastle v. Leeds; Preston v. Blackburn; Rovers v. Rochdale; Wrexham.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Chester v. Stoke City; Doncaster v. Mansfield Town.

WEST REGIONAL LEAGUE
Bristol City v. Cardiff City; Lovell Athletic v. Bath City.

MIDLAND CUP FINAL
Leicester City v. Watford.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Everton v. Burnley.

SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Ablon v. Dumbarton; Hearts v. Queen's Park; St. Mirren v. Third Lanark.

P.H. Wong Defends Title Against K.W. Choy

(By "Tinker")

ACCOMMODATION at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night will certainly be taxed. The first three finals of the 1941 Colony Badminton Championships will commence at 8.30 p.m. These matches will be:

8.30 p.m. Women's Doubles.—Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Mrs. Zimmern and Mrs. Torrible.

9 p.m. Men's Junior Doubles.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier.

9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Singles.—P. H. Wong v. K. W. Choy.

At 8 p.m., however, the semi-final match between T. S. Young and D. Chelliah in the Men's Junior Singles will be played off. This game was postponed from last week.

Women's Doubles

ON RESPECTIVE FORM, one concedes the edge to the Recreation girls for the Women's Doubles title. Mrs. Zimmern and Mrs. Torrible have been none too encouraging in their previous matches, and though at the commencement of the competition, odds were much in the latter's favour, their showing has been below expectations.

Miss Silva and Miss Xavier have shown the better combination, and greater command of shots. Mrs. Zimmern has been inclined to be nervous, however, and spectators have not seen her at her best. And should she be able to forget her surroundings, in Mrs. Torrible she has a great partner and they may yet justify the confidence that many have placed in them.

Senior Singles

THOUGH most people may be inclined to the idea that K. W. Choy is a certain winner for the Men's Singles, there is the unanimous opinion that the match will be one of the finest yet seen in the Colony Tournaments.

Choy has certainly brought a better brand of badminton to the Colony, and his presence lifts the Tournament far above the standards of previous years.

M. P. Young, last week, showed that it was possible to break through Choy's defence when he extended the later in the first game of their semi-final. Patrick Wong is a player of the same type, and though he has been inclined to be erratic in his smashes to date, he is not one to give up when things are going wrong.

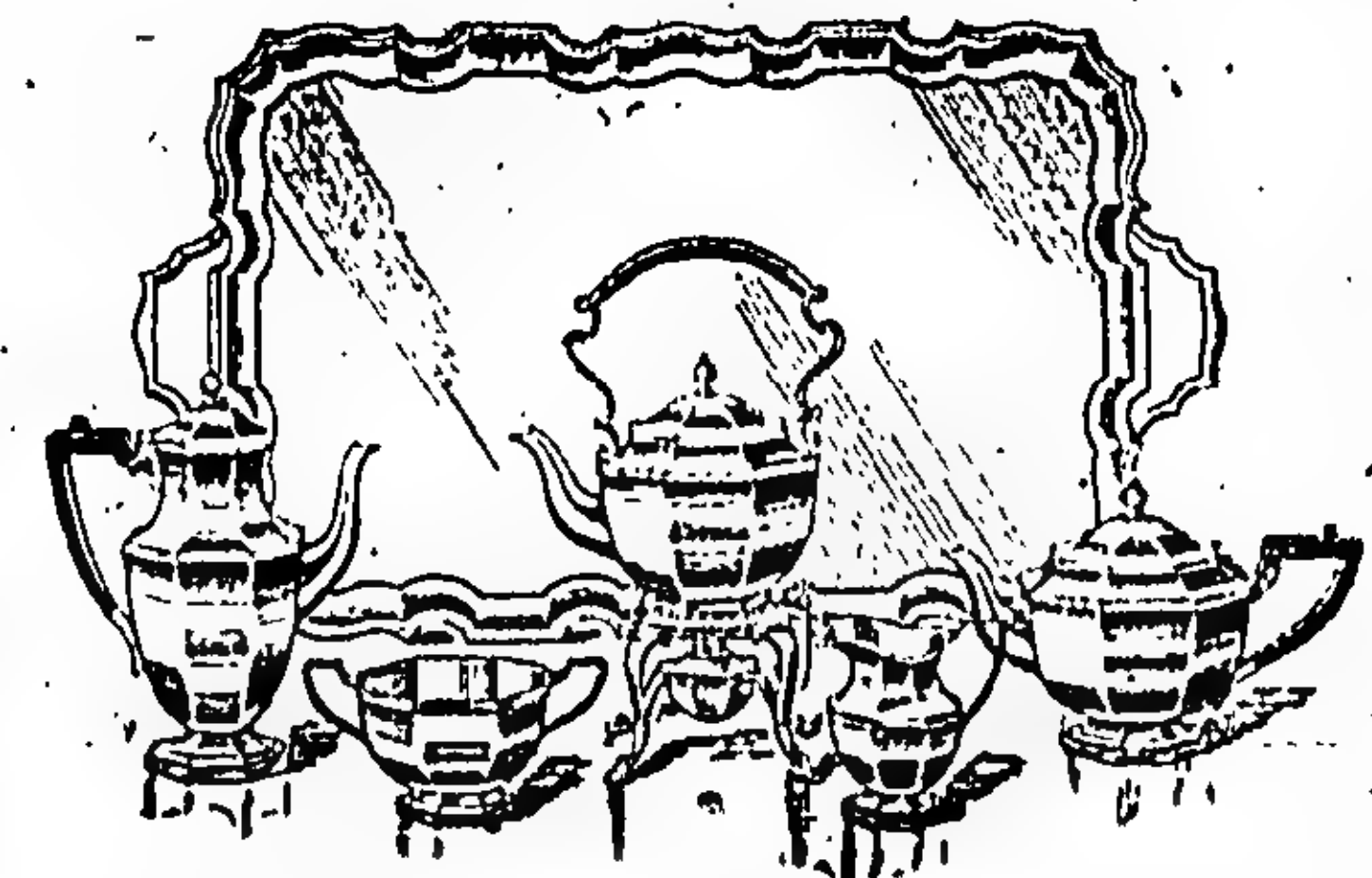
In his doubles match he seemed to let Choy's redoubtable reputation affect his play, and if that were the case, if he is able to scout that mental hazard from the outset, the greater number of critics may be confounded to-night.

Junior Doubles

MUCH DEFENDS on A. E. Xavier in the Junior Doubles. Pereira has proved his worth, though over-inclined to smash, and if Xavier can continue the improvement he has shown over the last two matches, Pereira may yet take the Junior title. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth are a stout pair, but not, as far as Junior standards are concerned, unbeatable.

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Philippines Civilian Defence Programme

By ROBERT P. MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MANILA, April 28 (UP).—Spurred by the recent informal Anglo-American conversations at Manila, during which the entire tactical and strategic position of American-Philippine forces in relation to British defences in the Far East were reported to have been discussed, the Commonwealth is pushing ahead its own programme of civilian defence in preparation for any emergency.

Although civilian defences were apparently not discussed when Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Far East, conferred here with the highest United States defence officials in the Philippines, the demonstration of Anglo-American preparations served as a decided stimulant to the hitherto "there's-plenty-of-time" attitude of the Commonwealth.

Absolute Rule Ended In Sarawak

ABSOLUTE rule by the Brookes, white Rajahs of Sarawak, has ended. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the Rajah, has vested legislative power in the Committee of Administration.

The new constitution which Sir Charles has directed the Committee to draw up will be "a form of Government on a broader basis which will facilitate the gradual development of a representative government on democratic principles."

In making the proclamation at Kuching, the capital, Sir Charles said: "By voluntarily surrendering these great (legislative) powers, I feel that I shall be making a contribution towards the interests and welfare of the people commensurate with the spirit in which the first Rajah received the government of this country and the auspiciousness of this centenary year."

Sir Charles proclaimed his brother, Capt. Bertram Brooke, the Tuan Muda of Sarawak, to be his heir to the Raj.

Philippine officials welcome Washington reports that funds may be made available, either from the excise sugar tax and gold devaluation funds or by an Export-Import Bank loan, for Philippine civilian defence, pointing out that lack of funds has been the chief handicap in development of the programme in the past.

The National Emergency Committee, presided over by Secretary of National Defence Theodore Sison, has drawn up the following measures, any or all of which may be carried out in line with recommendations by American defence officials:—

Eight Point Programme

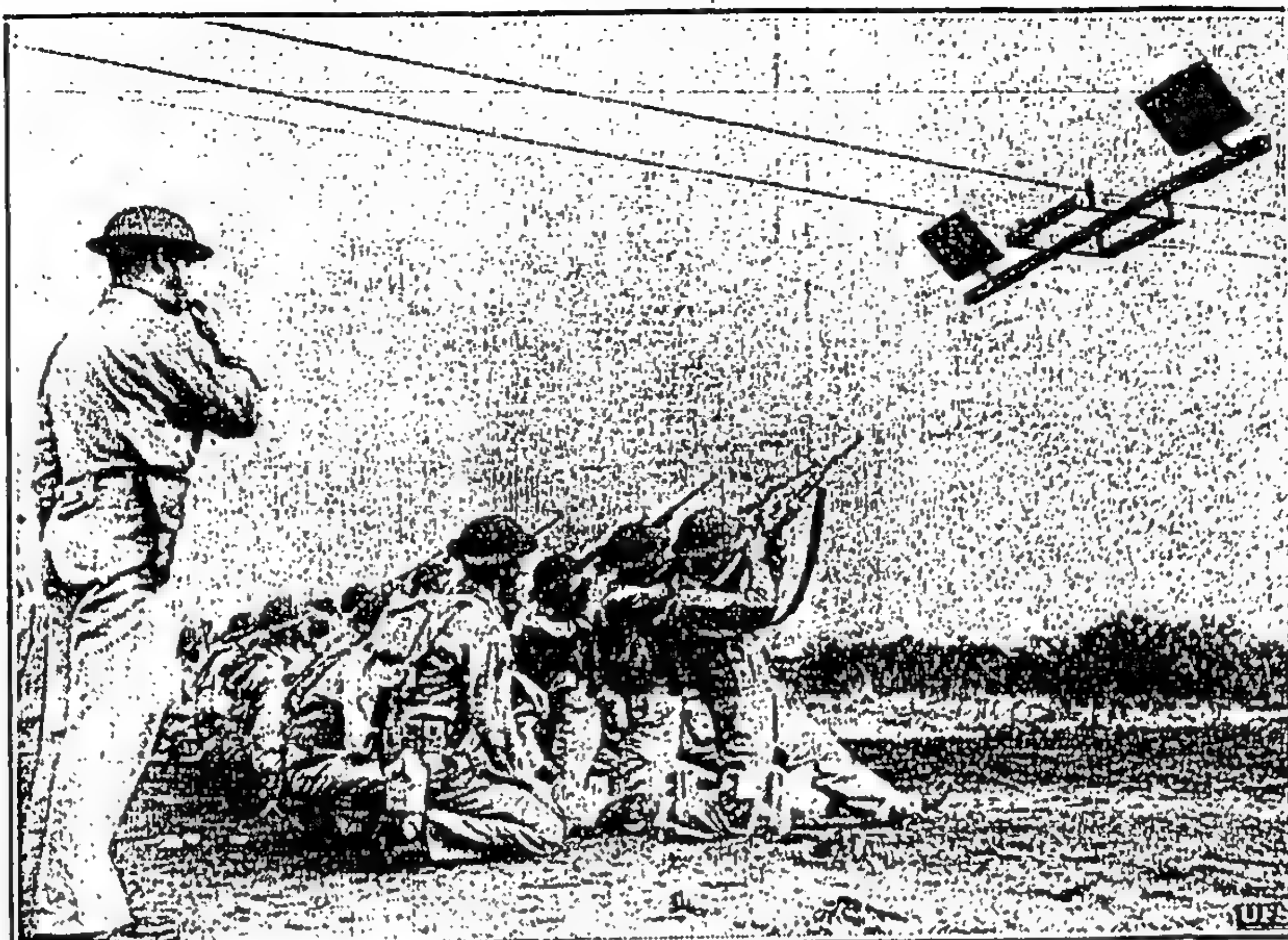
1. Evacuation of women and children and non-essential men from cities like Manila and designation of evacuation areas;
2. Construction by the government as well as private enterprises of emergency shelters for government employees and for those who must remain in populous areas to carry on activities of the government;
3. Maintenance and protection of vital public utilities;
4. Acquisition and storage of petroleum, gasoline and oil;
5. Assurance of essential food commodities and a pure water supply. This will involve storing of reserve food supplies like canned goods, meat, flour and dairy products;
6. Maintenance of communication lines, most important of which is the safeguarding of electric power;
7. Storage of essential serums and purchase of needed surgical instruments;
8. Creation of volunteer guards in all localities, composed of civilians.

Secretary Sison pointed out that the volunteer guards will help to enforce air raid measures. The unit will be composed entirely of civilian volunteers and will not include the Philippine Constabulary.

A. R. P. Measures

Sison pointed out that air raid shelters will not be effective in Manila—underground shelters are deemed impossible to build because of swampy terrain, while steel and concrete is lacking for other types of shelters—and warned that the best precaution against any air attack is to disperse the population to areas without military objectives.

Practice black-outs will be held in Manila and other major cities as soon as local groups have been organized and trained.



AIR TARGET—This is how U. S. Marines at Camp Elliot, San Diego, Cal., are taught rapid fire against a dive-bomber attack. Moving target on cable simulates bomber diving from 1,500 foot in six seconds. Men barely have time to fire five rounds. Instructor at left.

GERMANS DEGRADING POLISH POPULATION

Systematic attempts to complete the demoralisation of Poles in German-occupied Poland were described in New York recently by Dr Josef P. Junosza, Warsaw high school teacher who has escaped.

Describing all Polish life in the area as that of a concentration camp, the 41-year-old teacher said the invaders had doggedly rooted out intellectuals and centres of culture.

All Polish school manuals, libraries, museums and scientific collections had been destroyed, he said, as had monuments of men like Kosciuszko and Chopin. "The extent to which the Nazis were willing to go to beat down Polish national consciousness and self-respect," Dr Junosza added, was exemplified by two types of "favours" they allowed the oppressed Poles.

Gambling Started

First, he said, the Germans established gambling casinos, where Poles might play roulette with their "remaining money."

A special ticket permitting the bearer to stay up till midnight was issued to those visiting the casinos, he said; otherwise the curfew was 8 p.m.

The casinos served, he said, both to impoverish the Poles further and to head them deeper toward the degradation their temporary masters seem to have planned for them. German patronage was not allowed.

Pornography

Toward the same end, he continued, was the German handling of the press. All official publications, in both Polish and German, he said, were managed by the Nazis. Beyond that Poles were prohibited from publishing anything except the most obvious pornography. This, he said, was encouraged.

Calling Up Americans By Classes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, April 28 (UP).—Selective service officials are considering plans to limit compulsory military training within a year or two to men between the ages of 21 and 25.

The present age range is 21 to 35, inclusive.

Officials said reduction of the age range would make it possible at some later date to reorganise the present scheme under the European system—calling all youths for military service when they reach a specific age, such as 18 or 21 years.

The plan to reduce the age limit is based on the theory that the United States will remain at peace. Officials explain that even though the United States remains out of the war, it will be necessary to maintain a large potential army.

No final decision regarding the change has been made, and if it is decided to go ahead, congressional action would be necessary.

Singapore Has "Scrap Week"

To Help War Effort

A Big drive is being organised in Singapore to collect scrap and materials generally to help win the war.

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5. Old motor-car tyres.

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Start Free Rumania Movement

EFFORTS are being made to form a Free Rumania movement in the Far East, with headquarters in Singapore.

The requisite sanction of the Straits Settlement Government is being sought by M. Rene Untermanns, brother of the former Rumanian Consul-General at Antwerp, at the instigation of Dr V. Tilea, former Rumanian Ambassador in London.

Dr Tilea resigned from his post to become head of the Free Rumanian movement in Britain following his country's seizure by Germany.

M. Untermanns, a former consular officer in Antwerp before he was forced to flee to France, received a cable from Dr Tilea appealing for his collaboration in beginning a Far East Free Rumania movement.

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Stokowski Resigns As Conductor

Ending an association of 29 years, Leopold Stokowski will terminate next season his relationship with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1936 Mr Stokowski has made only guest appearances with the orchestra and is scheduled for six more of these this season. He will then, it was announced, definitely lay down his baton with the orchestra which he is generally conceded to have brought to a high level of virtuosity.

Mr. Stokowski first made his appearance as Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conductor on Oct. 11, 1912, coming to it from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, which he had served since 1909.

London born, he went to the United States after studies at Oxford and the Paris Conservatoire to be organist and choirmaster at St Bartholomew's Church in New York.

Invasion Threat To Malaya Exists

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who had not yet arrived from the United Kingdom.

Shanghai Speculation
SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A possibility that Japan will shortly launch upon a penetration of Southern Indo-China, including Saigon and Camranh Bay, is suggested by foreign observers in Shanghai.

These observers think that the time has come when Japan, for psychological reasons, may be expected to attempt to show some fruits from the Soviet pact and Mr Matsuo's visit to Berlin in the way of a southward expansion.

They believe that the sudden Japanese press campaign against Saigon and Southern Indo-China may be the forerunner of such an expansion.

General Motors Earnings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—The first quarter report of the General Motors Corporation shows a gross income of \$129,750,337; however, the net earnings, after deducting taxes equalled \$1.44 per share compared with \$1.50 for the same period last year. Before the taxes are deducted, the earnings increased by 52.1 per cent.

Total taxes exceed \$65,000,000 compared with \$18,303,000 last year. Total sales were 45.2 per cent. higher in unit value and the pay rolls were increased by \$7.7 per cent.

Ship Seizure By Italian Marines

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—An early settlement is expected of the Italian seizure of the Yugo-Slav steamer, Tomislav.

Following Japanese and Italian discussions, eight members of the Chinese Maritime Customs police boarded the steamer to-day and will share the watch with Italian guards until the incident is settled.

Powers For O.P.M.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee to-day approved the request made by the Office of Production Management for broad powers to impose priorities and ration all materials needed to produce war supplies for the United States and Britain.

The legislation is expected to reach the floor of the House this week.

LATE NEWS



ISLAND PRISONERS—This Cable picture shows some of the 225 German prisoners captured in the recent surprise raid by the British on Lofoten Islands, off Norway coast. Blindfolded, they are being marched to British ships.

THEY WILL SHOOT THE CARTOONISTS

CARTOONISTS who draw anti-Government cartoons in Rumania will be shot. And anyone heard singing political songs in the streets will get from five to fifteen years' hard labour.

These penalties were included in a new criminal code issued by Antonescu in Bucharest recently as part of the drastic measures to suppress all opposition to the Nazi puppet Government.

More than twenty crimes were made punishable by execution, to be carried out ten hours after sentence. A special punishment for Communists now figures for the first time in Rumanian law.

Attitude to Jews
The law stipulates that Jews and members of minorities will be subjected to more drastic penalties.

Punishments include confiscation of property and ban on carrying on any intellectual profession.

Rebels Defiant
Friends who have been allowed to visit Rumanian rebels in prison say they are in the highest spirits, singing legionary songs and not showing the faintest sign of repentance.

Under Antonescu's orders the warders are treating them humanely.

There is a growing feeling among the public that they are being far more leniently treated than they deserve, though several are receiving long terms of imprisonment.

Among the rebels whose trial has been concluded is Sandu, formerly a chauffeur, who for three days was under the impression that he was Minister of Justice.

NEW U.S.-EUROPE AIR SERVICE

Mr Juan T. Trippe, President of Pan-American Airways announced in New York recently that his company will inaugurate a non-stop landplane service between the United States and Europe next year. High altitude machines will be used for the service.

Gram Swing "Adopts" An English Boy

WAR-TIME guest of American commentator Raymond Gram Swing at Westport, Connecticut, is 10-year-old John Gabriel Newfield, of Great Bardfield, Essex.

He crossed the Atlantic last year with 100 other evacuees.

When told with whom he was going to stay he was startled. "Not that big man who talks to us on the radio?"

But Johnny's guess was right, and his playmate these days is John Temple Swing, that "big man's" 11-year-old son.

Johnny's mother told a London reporter that "Mr and Mrs Gram Swing wanted an English boy as a companion for their own son."

EDUCATION GETS MORE AID

Education in Britain is not being allowed to suffer, as a result of the war. In fact, it is receiving its full measure of Government support—and a little more. Estimated expenditure by the Board of Education for the year ending March 31, 1942, will be £24,915,039, an increase of £2,280,000. Biggest increase—£1,532,480—will be on the elementary side.

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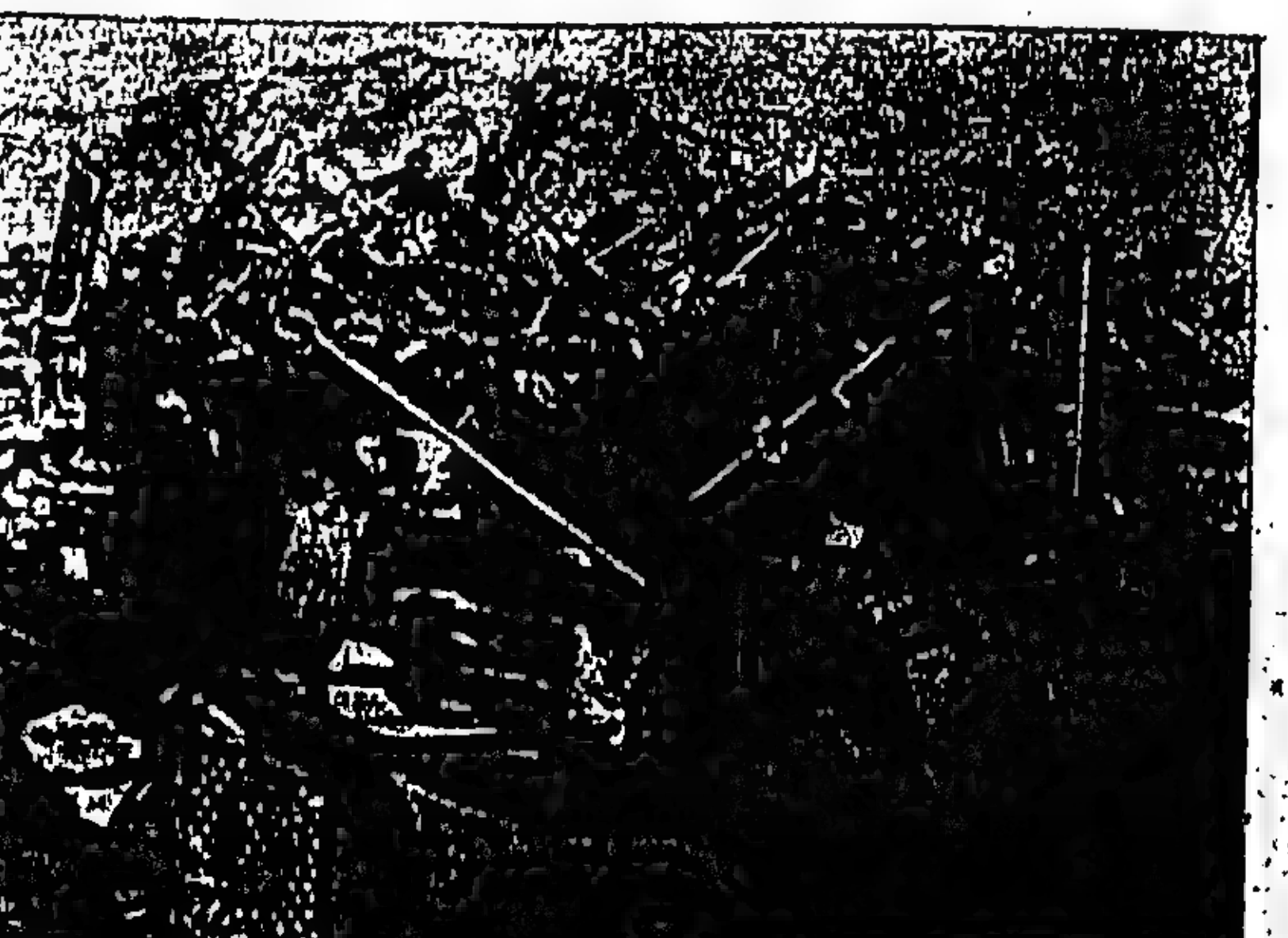
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WHITEAWAY'S

ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HELD: ITALIANS RETREAT TO GONDAR

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, APR. 28 (UP).—WELL INFORMED QUARTERS TO-DAY CLAIMED THAT THE ENEMY ADVANCE INTO EGYPT HAD BEEN STOPPED, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. THE ENEMY IS HOLDING SOLLUM VILLAGE, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BRITISH FORCES DESTROYED EVERYTHING OF VALUE BEFORE THEY EVACUATED.

BATTLE FOR U. S. CONVOYS

Action Follows Speeches

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The battle for convoys for Britain is now fully under way. Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast is widely regarded here as changing the idea of "Give us the tools" to "Deliver us the tools."

LINDBERGH FEELS HURT

Letter to President
Roosevelt

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—In his letter of resignation to President Roosevelt, Colonel Lindbergh said:

"Your remarks at the White House press conference on April 25 involving my Reserve commission have disturbed me greatly. I had hoped that I might exercise my right as an American citizen to place my point of view in peace time without giving up the privilege of serving my country as a member of the Air Corps, but in view of the other implications which you, my present superior officer, made concerning my loyalty to my country, my character and my motives, I see no honourable alternative to tendering my resignation as Colonel in the Air Corps Reserve."

Utmost Regret

"I take this action with the utmost regret, for my relationship with the Air Corps was one of the things that meant most to me in my life. I place it second only to my right as a citizen to speak freely to my fellow countrymen and discuss with them the issues of war and peace which confront the nation in this crisis. I will continue service to my country to the best of my ability as a private citizen."

Defends Lindbergh

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—Mr. William S. Thomas, son of the Socialist leader, Norman Thomas, came to the support of Colonel Lindbergh to-day by issuing a statement that the flyer was a victim of a "cruel and vicious campaign of slander and smear." To call Lindbergh a Fascist, a Nazi or a Communist is absurd, he declared.

CHUNGKING AIR RAID ALARM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (UP).—The air raid alarm sounded at 10 o'clock this morning while Captain James Roosevelt was calling on Dr. H. H. Kung.

Matsuoka Not Likely To Visit Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The speech of Mr. William C. Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador to France, on Sunday appears to have deeply impressed everyone and has been given prominence in the press everywhere. A large audience frequently interrupted him with cheers.

Mr. Bullitt's forthright denunciation of Japan and his demand that China be given all possible aid have heartened all China supporters here.

Renewed talk of a possible visit by Mr. Yoseko Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to Washington resulted in the matter being brought up at Mr. Cordell Hull's press conference to-day, but Mr. Hull in-

dictated that he knew nothing of this and doubted that such a visit would materialise with any hope of success. As one Far Eastern observer told "Reuter," having increased his political stature at home by his success in Moscow, Mr. Matsuoka is generally likely to risk it by a defeat in Washington, and until Japan reverses her policy regarding the Axis, it is difficult to see how anything but failure can face him should he come here.

It is also declared that the capture of Dessie has put the British troops at the cross roads leading to Assab and Gondar. The bulk of the fighting occurred at the Kombolchia Pass, 14 miles south of Dessie. As the British came over the Pass they saw Italian reinforcements coming up, but these were later swept away in the British torrent.

SORTIE ON BARDIA

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Germans had great difficulty in finding the British force which carried out the destructive raid on the Libyan port of Bardia, according to a broadcast by the German wireless to-night.

The announcer described how detachments of storm troopers were sent out in pitch darkness following a call for help from a German wireless car. The car was found empty but there was no sign of the British.

Suddenly there were heavy detonations from several places. The announcer claimed that eventually one major, two captains and 65 other ranks were captured.

Italians Retire

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction is felt in Cairo military circles at the fall of Dessie which is on the main road from Addis Ababa to northern Abyssinia.

Dessie is also at the junction of the road leading northwest to Gondar where the Italians still hold out, and that running northeast to the Red Sea port of Assab.

The Italian forces defending Dessie were actually defeated at Kombolchia Pass 14 miles to the south. It is possible that a part of the Dessie garrison has withdrawn towards Gondar, which is north of Lake Tana.

Situation Unchanged

CAIRO, Apr. 28 (UP).—According to to-day's General Headquarters communique the situation is unchanged in Libya and Tobruk. It is stated that the enemy detachments which had previously penetrated the frontier at Sollum have been held in check. Light elements of a British armoured division are in contact with the enemy.

In all other areas the operations continue satisfactorily.

Portsmouth Hard Hit

Furious Air Blitz

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PORTSMOUTH, Apr. 28 (UP).—Townpeople to-day rummaged through the wreckage of their homes searching for loved ones or what few possessions that could be salvaged after one of Portsmouth's worst bombing raids.

Early this evening, survivors of the blitz joined hundreds of others on the hills surrounding the smoking town to sleep in schools, barns, private houses and even the fields.

The raid last night was more brief than most blitzes. Others were engaged in digging into the ruins of a hotel where an unknown number of guests were buried alive.

Seven rescuers were killed when a bomb hit them while digging in the wreckage of a building. Three hospitals were hit. One raider was shot down in flames into the sea while another was thought to be destroyed.

One Heavy Raid

LONDON, Apr. 28 (UP).—An attack was carried out to-day on a southwest town on a heavy scale and for a time raiders dropped high explosives and fire bombs despite the intense anti-aircraft barrage.

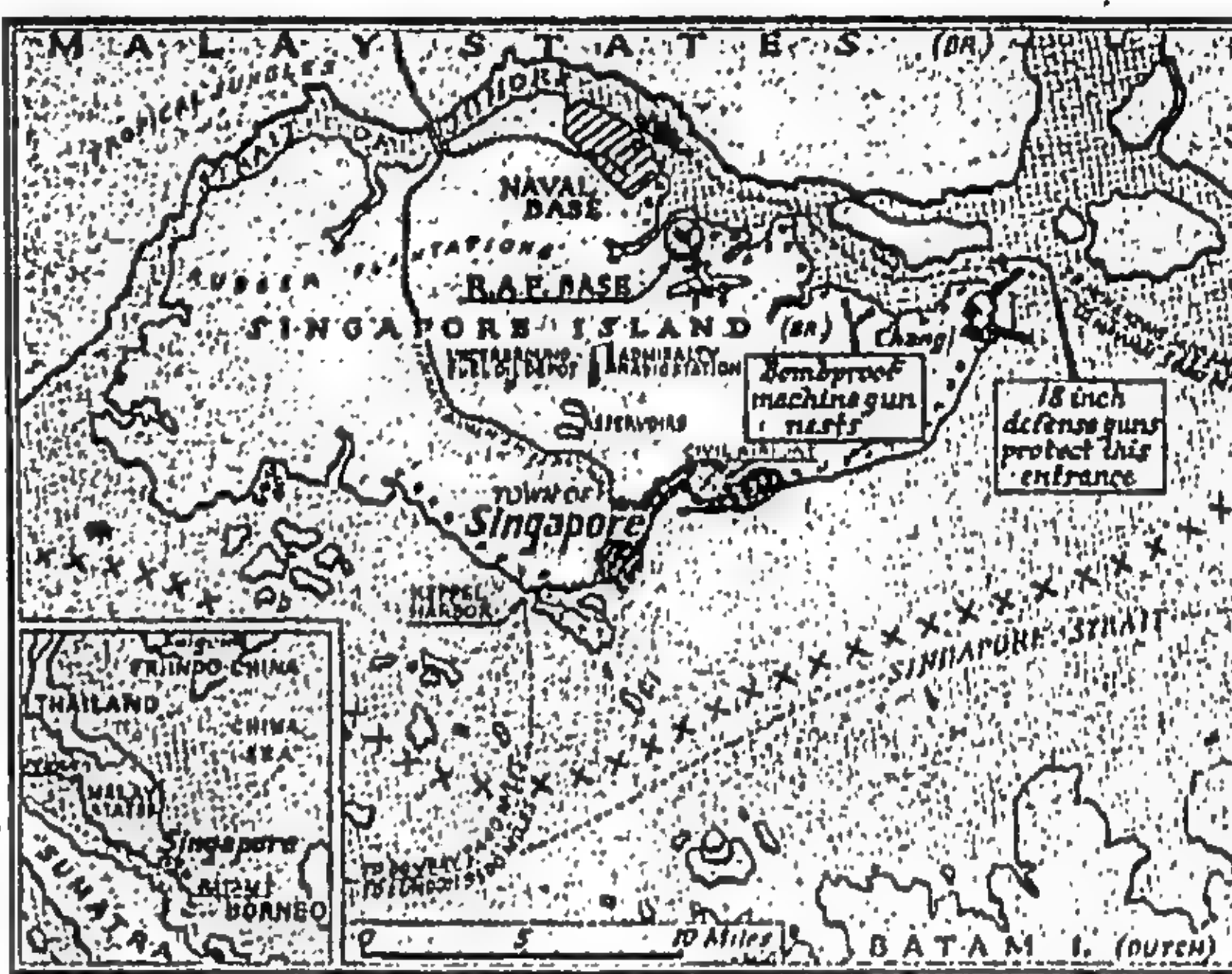
Afterwards the attack died down. Elsewhere no raiders were reported.

B. E. F. Arrive In Alexandria

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Rome newspapers state that the first contingents of the British Expeditionary Force in Greece have disembarked at Alexandria, says a Rome dispatch.

BRITAIN'S FAR EAST FORTRESS

This map of Singapore, published recently in the American newspapers "PM", illustrates not only the general course of the mine field laid in the Straits of Singapore during recent weeks, but gives the artist's impression of the strategic defences of the island. Singapore is Britain's fortress of the Far East.



U. S. North Atlantic Patrol Within 500 Miles of Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (UP).—A usually well-informed Congressional source told the "United Press" to-day that he understood the United States North Atlantic patrol may extend to within 500 miles of Britain.

This informant and other Congressional quarters reserved judgment on the efficacy of this move to reduce the dangerous shipping losses, although some expressed the opinion that it was a halfway measure at the best.

Schoolboys' Death Leap From Blazing Coach

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, were killed and seven were injured when they jumped from a blazing coach at the rear of a mid-day London-Newcastle express to-day near Claypole, Lincolnshire.

Hunting For Von Luckner

Pacific Raiders Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—The National Broadcasting Company's correspondent at Manila, Mr. Edwin Hartridge, reports that Anglo-Dutch naval units are hunting Captain Felix von Luckner who is believed to be commanding 12 German commerce raiders which are operating in Pacific waters.

Reports are being circulated that the raiders are based in the Japanese mandated Carolines and Marshall Islands, and it is asserted that the British have suffered heavy losses in ships in the Pacific during recent months.

Cawnpore Riot Suppressed

Police Fire On Mob

BOMBAY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).

A clash between Muslims and Hindus occurred in a busy part of Cawnpore to-day.

The police fired on the mob and ten persons were wounded.

The situation there is tense and the District Magistrate has banned the assembly of more than five persons. The situation in Bombay shows an improvement and Ahmedabad is quiet.

Invasion Threat To Malaya Exists Says G. O. C. In Frank Interview

By Harold Guard

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Apr. 28 (UP).—Lieutenant General L. V. Bond, General Officer in Command of Malaya in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" to-day declared that the "threat of invasion of Malaya definitely exists and it would be foolish to think otherwise."

He asserted that the defences in Malaya had been tremendously improved and increased since his appointment to the post in July 1939, but was smilingly tongue-tied when asked for comparative figures. "Two years ago, only Singapore Island was garrisoned, now we have troops throughout the peninsula.—We no longer think of defending the island only," he said.

Questioned regarding the additional reinforcements, General Bond said it was obvious that ample troops were available. "They seem to arrive on almost every ship nowadays," he asserted.

Stronger Air Force

Regarding American aid, General Bond paid tribute to the American planes, saying, "Malaya's air forces are infinitely stronger than ever before which is most essential for the defence of this country because potential invaders must have bases available from which they could launch large scale air attacks." Other than planes, Malaya is at present receiving only American Tommy guns, trucks and lorries but no other military supplies.

General Bond declined to comment on the likelihood of either a land or sea invasion; however, he said that the attackers would face very different and difficult problems with land communications from the north than they had experienced elsewhere, adding with a smile, "also, they won't have any fifth columnists to help them here."

Japan Too Late?

The General asserted that the possibility of United States naval intervention might prove a deterrent to an invasion from the sea; "however, the more recent and more definite indications that the United States might intervene in both the Atlantic and the Pacific might prompt Japan to act more quickly, although it seems that they might have left it a bit late now."

He agreed that Japan's policy seems to follow a parallel course with her Axis partners and their progress in Europe and therefore the Greco-Balkan situation might presage a new Japanese southward move. In this connection the General cited to-day's reported renewed Japanese press attacks against Indo-China, demanding a more sincere attitude towards Japan; however, he was of the opinion that the Russo-Japanese agreement will not assume much significance. "Russia had a non-aggression pact with Finland, you will remember," he declared.

New G. O. C. Soon

The interview was concluded with a very strong declaration of confidence in the Imperial forces and their ability to defend the entire Malay Peninsula. The General said that he would be leaving shortly to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom and that his successor would be Major-General A. E. Percival, former G.O. in Malaya from 1936 to 1939.

Soothing Statement By Japanese Envoy

MELBOURNE, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Japan has no intention of moving against Australia, declared Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, in reply to-day to recent statements made here.

He said that it was the ambition of the Japanese to expand trade relations between the two countries.

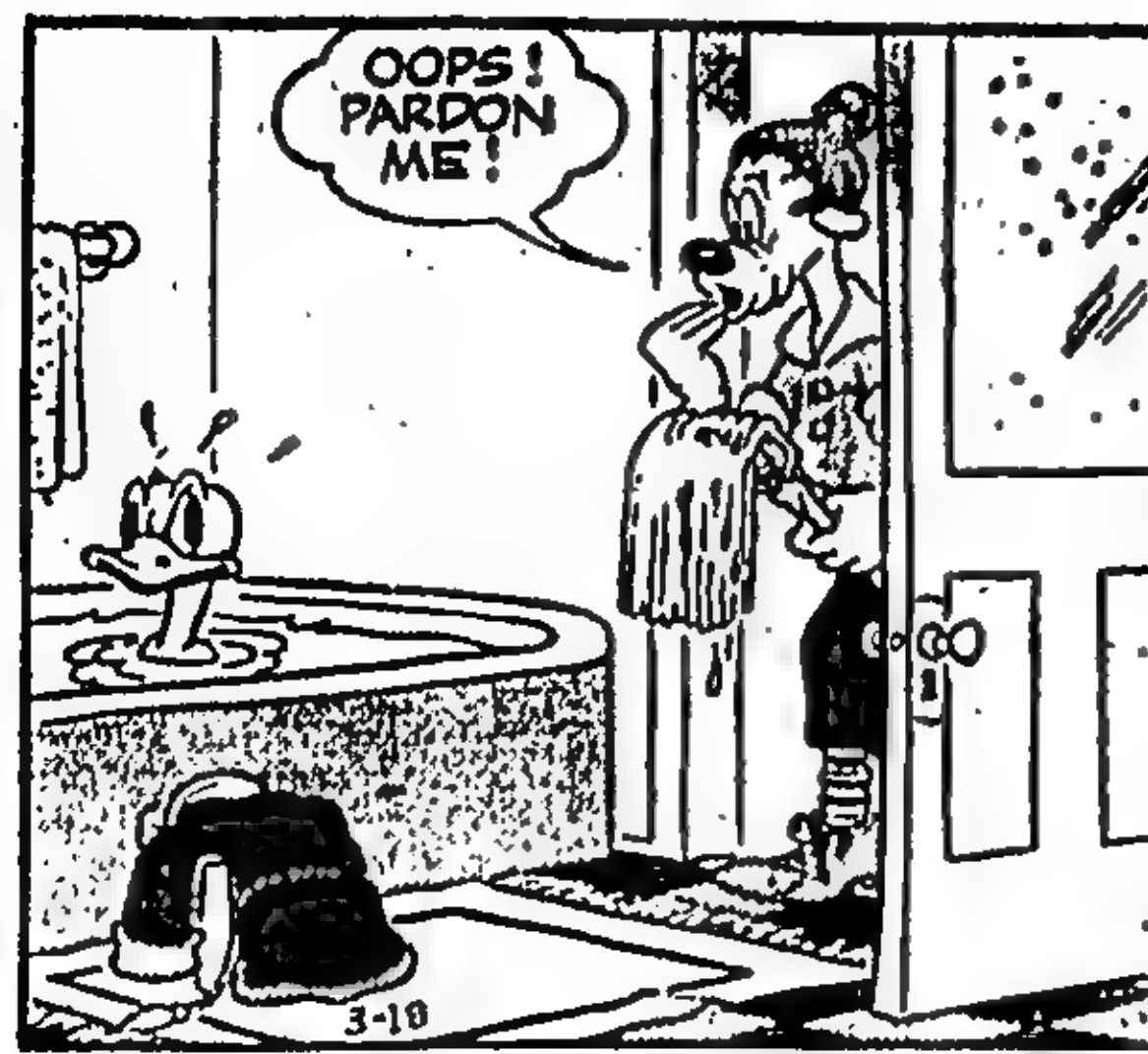
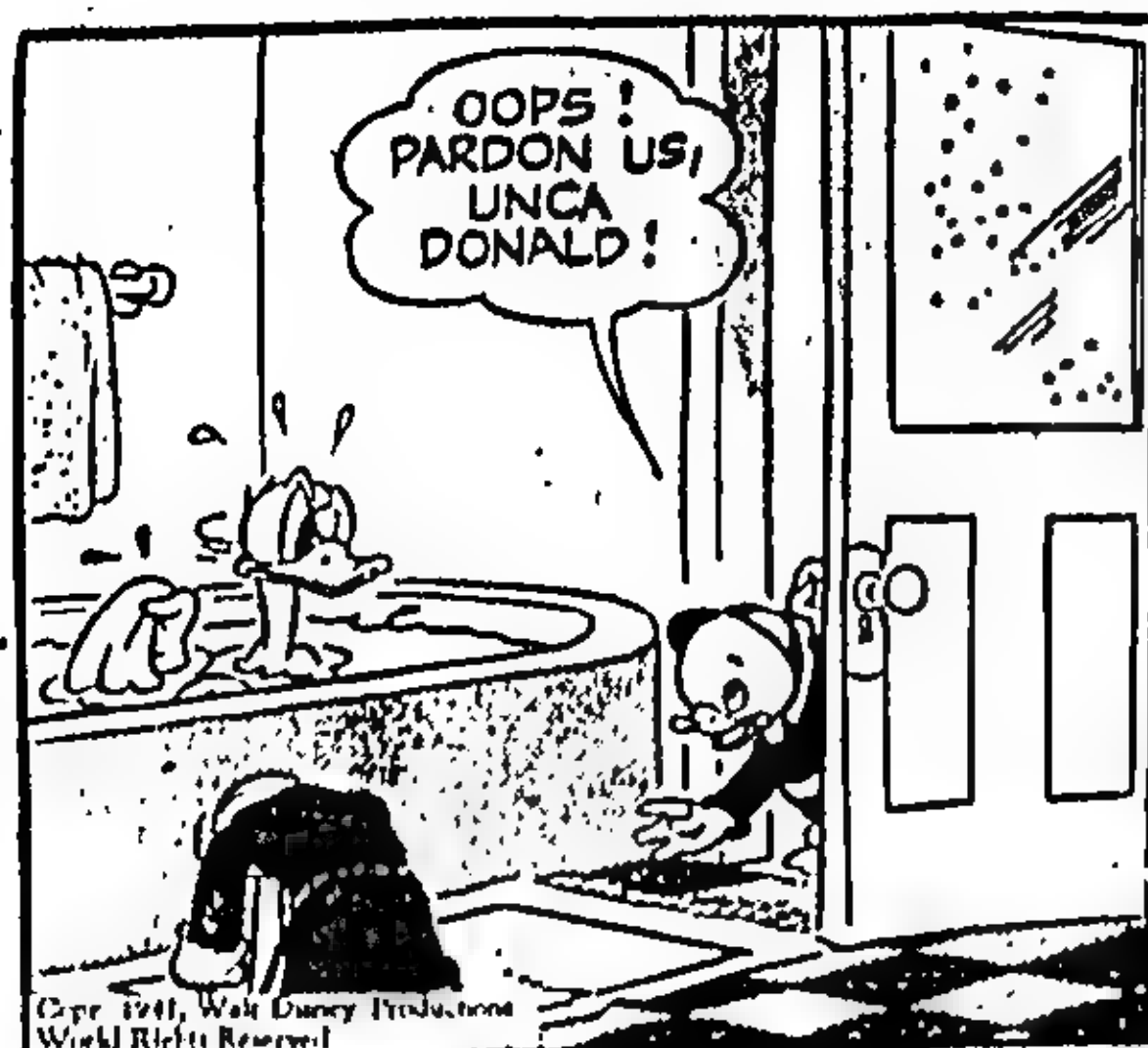
Mr. Kawai called on the Australian Labour Leader, Mr. John Curtin, and had over one hour's conversation. Mr. Curtin afterwards said that they had a full and frank discussion on international affairs and that he would return Mr. Kawai's call.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—Pertaining to law
- 2—Small river-ducks
- 3—Jerome threatening
- 4—Supply again with a
- 5—Holding attachments
- 6—Fundamental part
- 7—Social insect
- 8—Malicious fire-setting
- 9—Raining
- 10—Doff cap
- 11—Long tract
- 12—Looks at amusingly
- 13—Filice
- 14—Reflected sound
- 15—Faint
- 16—Ancient belt
- 17—Broad of cele (pl.)
- 18—Tresses
- 19—Appear
- 20—Material for making
- 21—Direct
- 22—Lower
- 23—Purchased
- 24—Patenooda
- 25—Of uniform height
- 26—Trend of herbs
- 27—Excess of solar year
- 28—over 12 lunar months
- 29—Frog
- 30—Lion
- 31—Haltic barge
- 32—Make lace
- 33—Treated, as from
- 34—Overthrow
- 35—One who packs

DOWN

- 1—Reeds grow as food
- 2—Terminate
- 3—Pestivity
- 4—Bour and stringent
- 5—Holder of property
- 6—By lease
- 7—Bitches
- 8—Fruit drinks
- 9—Tibetan priest
- 10—Pertaining to stars
- 11—Conduct affairs of
- 12—Vine
- 13—General destruction
- 14—Drumbeat
- 15—At one time
- 16—Obelisk
- 17—Perfected
- 18—Are in accord with
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Rupert Brooke—Poet-Soldier

His Message Lives

The war in Greece and the occupation by the Germans of Lemnos and other islands in the Aegean recalls the memory of Rupert Brooke, the young poet-soldier. He lies in Skiros, the Isle of Achilles, one of the loveliest of the Isles of Greece.

Of him Mr Winston Churchill said:—"Rupert Brooke's thrilling voice has been swiftly stilled, but its message lives. In his incomparable war sonnets he told, with all the simple force of genius, the sorrow and triumph of youth prepared to die for a noble cause. And he himself died in the absolute conviction of the rightness of his country's crusade."

Probably the loveliest of those war-sonnets, as it is the best known, is "The Soldier" which I quote in part:—

"If I should die, think only this of me;
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home."

Rupert Brooke was only 28 when he died. He was on his way to fight at Gallipoli, and his transport—the Granatully Castle, put into the Bay of Skiros.

Brooke and his friends scrambled joyously up and down the steep slopes of that exquisite island—an island like a great rock-garden of white and pink marble overgrown with every kind of wild flower, and everywhere splashed with great patches of vivid anemones.

They rested in the shade of an olive grove. Five days later, on April 23, 1915—the day of Shakespere and of St George—Brooke was buried under those very trees. He died from acute blood poisoning on board the French hospital ship, the Dugway-Irouin, which happened to be at Skiros.

His friends dug his grave and lined it with the gayest wild-flowers they could gather, and the sailors carried him at night by the light of lanterns up the steep, ill-bordered path. As the poignant notes of the "Last Post" rang across the moonlit bay, Rupert Brooke's soldier comrades recalled his exulting sonnet, "The Dead":—

By
M. M. GORRIE

"Blow out, your bugles, over the rich dead!

There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.

These laid the world away;
poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up
the years to be

Of work and joy, and that un-
hoped serene.

That men call age; and those
who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their im-
mortality."

The bronze statue of the young poet on Skiros—"Rupert's Island," his friends call it—stands high above the beach, silhouetted against sea and sky. The inhabitants of Skiros gave the ground and the marble for its base, and the statue itself is the gift of men and women in all corners of the world.

On the pedestal is a medallion of the poet's head and the simple inscription:—"To Rupert Brooke, and Immortal Poetry."

On the outbreak of war Brooke had joined the Naval Brigade, and in October 1914 took part in the expedition for the relief of doomed Antwerp. Writing to a friend, he says:—

"I saw a city bombarded and 100,000 refugees. Antwerp was like several different kinds of hell. The Germans' policy of frightfulness succeeded well. I'll never for-

get that white-faced endless procession of broken people. It's ghastly for anyone who liked Germany as well as I did. Their guilt can never be washed out. I'm afraid fifty years won't give them the continuity and loveliness of life back again. And now I've a feeling of anger at a seen wrong—Belgium—to make me more resolved in my work. The central purpose of my life now—the thing God wants of me—is to get good at beating Germans."

And back in Blandford camp, in the sublimation of spirit engendered by the solemn dedication of his life to this end, his "1914" war-sonnets were conceived—"my five camp-children" he called them when writing to a friend.

Brooke saw and loved "the beauty that lives among the common things." He writes:—

"These have I loved,
White plates and cups clean
gleaming;
Soft furs to touch, and feathery
faery dust.

Wet roofs beneath the lamplight;
the strong crust
Of friendly bread; and many
tasting food.

The cool kindness of sheets,
that soon
Smooth away trouble; and the
rough male kiss

Of blankets; grainy wood; the
keen
Unpassioned beauty of a great
machine."

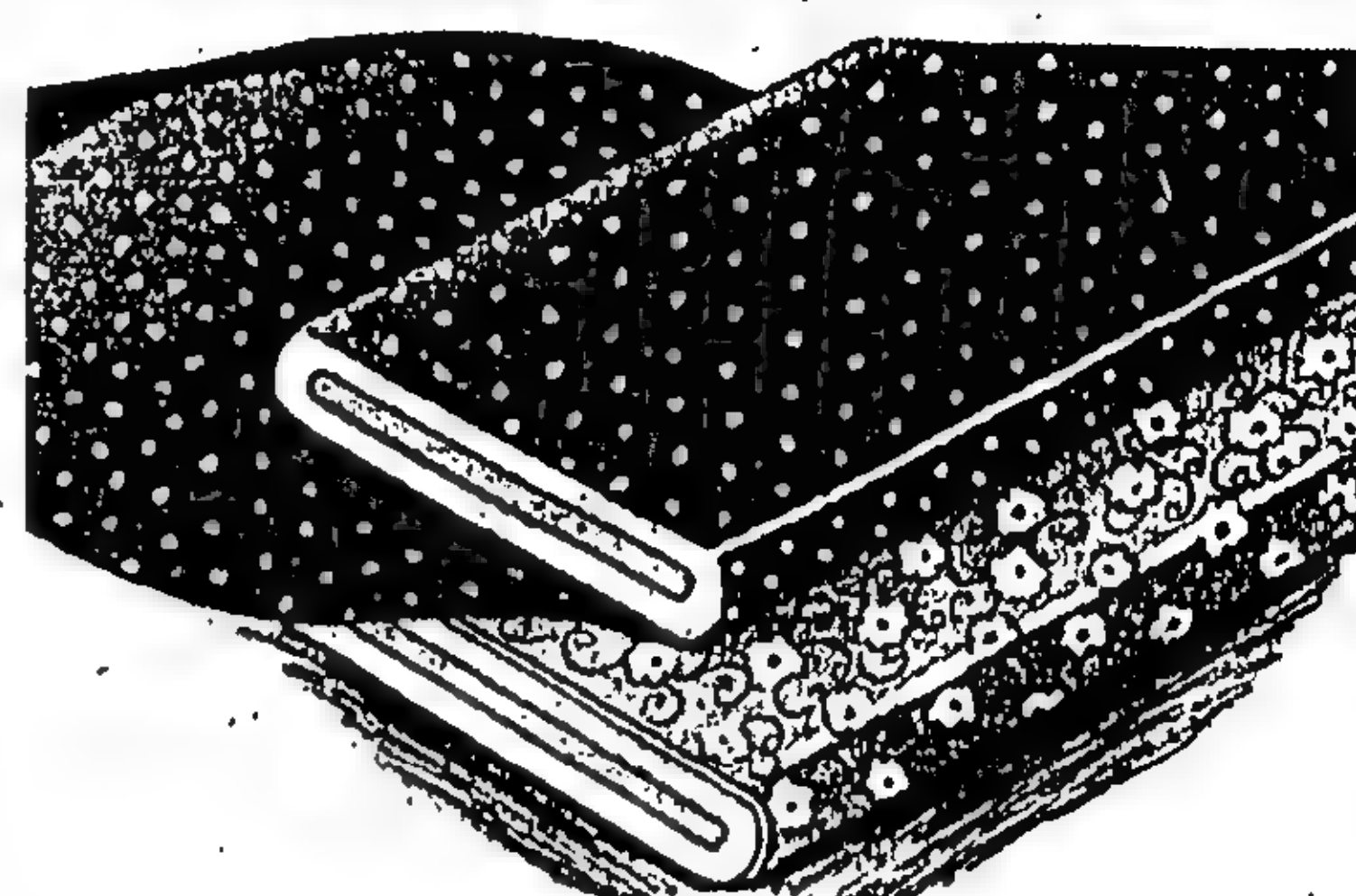
Both at Rugby and at King's College, Cambridge, he was steeped in the Hellenic tradition. Poetry was born in Greece; thus Brooke lies buried in the land of his spiritual birth.

And he and all the other sons of Britain who lie in the "corners of those foreign fields that are for ever England" must surely watch with infinite pride, their sons' gallant response to the message of the Fiery Cross of Freedom. Their sacrifice will not and must not be in vain.

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CHURCHILL'S REALISM

REALISM, by which is meant unflinching acceptance of facts and potentialities no matter how grim or disagreeable they may be, has always been an outstanding characteristic of Mr Winston Churchill, but never has this been more forcibly or effectively demonstrated as in his speeches delivered during the past 18 months either in Parliament or through the microphone to the nethermost ends of the earth.

Mr Churchill's realism is that of a courageous, honest man, whose vision remains unobscured by wishfulness. Sometimes his insistence upon presenting the truth and nothing but the truth is almost brutal in its effect. Thus, during his magnificent peroration to the Empire on Sunday night, he found himself as spokesman for Britain, capable of declaring, "While these grievous events (withdrawal from Greece and defeat of Yugo-Slavia) are taking place in the Balkans our forces in Libya sustained a vexatious and damaging defeat... It is certain that fresh dangers besides those which threaten Egypt may come upon us in the Mediterranean. The war may spread to Spain and Morocco. It may spread eastwards to Turkey and Russia. Germans may lay their hands for a time on the granaries of the Ukraine or the oil wells of the Caucasus. They may dominate the Caspian. Who can tell?"

This is plain speaking, but it is not defeatism, for, in his purposeful tone of voice, Britain's Premier went on to declare that Britain would meet the Nazis anywhere, and, without under-rating their prowess as warriors, would fight them until victory had been won.

And it was Churchill's realism which prompted him once again to insist that the final victory would come in the defeat of Hitler's Atlantic offensive. In effect, the Premier said: We may suffer reverses in the Balkans, Egypt, the Near East and elsewhere, but we cannot lose this war until Britain has been invaded and overcome, or her ocean life-line across the Atlantic has been taken from her.

To nervous, short-term policy thinkers, this may be a forbidding alternative, but for those who have courage at the present and faith in the future, it places in true perspective the position existing in the light which the demagogues are now waging against totalitarianism. Mr Churchill's message comes as a new inspiration to those in the Empire,



IN the month extending from May 16, in which the wind of catastrophe whirled above his head, to June 16, when he collapsed in face of the decisive effort, M. Paul Reynaud laboured with prodigious energy and a courage worthy of success to rescue his country from an apparently hopeless situation.

His efforts were marked by fatal errors, unjust and useless cruelties, and by irreparable blunders.

He set about refashioning his Ministry. Daladier moved reluctantly from the Ministry of War to the Foreign Office.

Marshal Petain replied "Present!" without a shadow of hesitation when, for purely decorative purposes, he was asked to accept a Ministry of State with the title of Vice-President of the Council.

M. Mandel, the man who wanted to conduct the war with ferocious vigour—against the internal as well as the external enemy—became Minister of the Interior.

Gamelin was to be replaced by Weygand, who stood for the epic of the other war. He stood for Foch. They sent for him. He would come.

Petaim—Weygand—Mandel.

The choice of these three was calculated, for different reasons, to inspire confidence in the nation at a period when the military situation remained constantly-disquieting.

Hope Renewed

General Weygand's arrival revived failing courage. If Weygand agreed to conduct military operations, that meant he did not despair.

Indeed, as soon as he arrived, he conveyed an impression of coolness, lucidity and vitality.

Mr Winston Churchill, who came to Paris for a few hours, paid this tribute to the septuagenarian when he had a conversation with him: "I'm afraid you're a little too young."

Weygand plunged into the adventure. He flew over the Franco-Belgian front to discuss matters with the commanders of the armies under his orders, including the Belgian army and the B.E.F. Everywhere he left an impression of calm and confident strength.

At the War Ministry this flight was considered as the prelude to a skilful manoeuvre.

"In Danger!"

Then the names Peronne, Arras and Amiens appeared in the communiques.

especially in a place like Hongkong, who may find cause for fretfulness and disheartenment in the current war news. The battle which is to destroy Hitlerism once and for all is still to come. Britain and the Empire, aided by the United States, are busily preparing for it; Mr Churchill, as leader of the Empire, awaits the hour with calm confidence; such leadership demands our unwavering support and loyalty.

WEYGAND

THE HERO, TURNS DEFEATIST

The Senate assembled. A gust of anger blew along the lobbies of the Luxembourg, and M. Paul Reynaud went up into the rostrum to make a statement.

Without preamble he pronounced the great sentence of the French Revolution, which fell amid the Assembly like a bomb:—

"The Country is in danger!"

A murmur swelled into a roar. There were demands for the names of those to blame, of those responsible.

M. Reynaud disclosed that incredible errors—which would be punished—had been committed, notably the failure to blow up the bridges over the Meuse.

The curt, accusing sentences lashed the nerves of his hearers, and raised tension to the pitch of paroxysm. Gloomy silences followed shouts of indignation.

The atmosphere cleared only a trifle when he proclaimed his confidence "in the great leader who has taken command of our armies," and "in the soldier of France who will be worthy of his ancestors."

During the twenty-first, twenty-second, and several

nounced the name of an official of the Ministry of War.

"Shall we manage to save the army of the North?"

He made an evasive gesture.

"We're doing our utmost."

Forty-eight hours were lost when Gamelin was still in command. We ought not to have sent that army to Belgium."

"Have you superseded many people?"

"Yes. And it's not finished yet. We shall turn a good many intelligent and determined colonel into generals."

"From information I have received," I said, "may I put you on your guard against a peace offensive intended to separate us from England?"

"I guarantee that we shall withstand it."

The Fire Goes Out

Between May 25, when I heard these words which warmed my heart, and May 28, the date of the Belgian capitulation, was only three days.

But in those three days the whole fire which Mr Winston Churchill imagined burned in General Weygand was put out.

The Commander-in-Chief saw that he could not hope to claim the glory of an immediate recovery. He was ready to let his hands fall idly in his lap.

Foch, the indomitable, did not live again in Weygand.

Was he influenced by the atmosphere of the War Ministry, where almost all the men around the Premier were adherents of a rapid peace?

My attention was drawn to secret meetings, conferences be-

ties of this impious doctrine. They told her that the inspirer, thinker, and future statesman was none other than Baudouin.

"There's Weygand, too," they added.

She started. "Weygand? The Commander-in-Chief! In favour of defeat?"

"He no longer believes victory possible. He is practically won over to our side."

"And Petain?" she gasped.

"Oh, we shall convince him, make him see that France, whose birth-rate is already low, cannot risk the loss, as in 1914-18, of another fifteen hundred thousand dead, and perhaps more!"

M. Paul Reynaud, I believe, never knew anything of this conspiracy, of which he was to be the victim along with the nation.

And while this venom was trickling into French veins the military tragedy was developing. The defences of Boulogne and Calais were overrun by the German motorised divisions.

Capitulation

Just when a gigantic battle was in progress, in which the fortune of arms seemed to be turning away from France and a minimum of intrepidity was needed to swing advantage to our side, what happened?

"The Belgian Army"—I quote the accusing terms in which M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting on the morning of May 28, trounced the King of the Belgians—"the Belgian army has just capitulated unconditionally in the thick of the fight and on the order of its King, without warning its French and British comrades-in-arms and opening to the German troops the road to Dunkirk."

"That," declared M. Paul Reynaud, "is an action without precedent in history."

Strict justice compels me to say that Belgian voices have been raised to clear King Leopold III of the charge of treachery laid upon him in M. Paul Reynaud's speech.

Mr. Gutt, the Belgian Minister of Finance, who, until the arrival in London of M. Pierlot and M. Spaak, represented the Belgian Government in Great Britain, publicly stated that Leopold III had not come to terms with the enemy and remained a prisoner."

Despair

M. Gutt—and when one knows his moral and intellectual worth, his evidence carries weight—has declared that the capitulation of the Belgian army was inevitable.

He wrote: "The total collapse of the French armies in the South, coupled with the orders of the French Generalissimo preventing the Belgian troops from retreating at a time they could have done it, bought about the encirclement of the Belgian Army and made the surrender unavoidable."

During the night of May 27-28, a Council of Ministers was held at the Elysee.

Weygand was called on to forecast the course of events. It was asserted that he said: "The Germans will get through where and when they like."

In him the strategist and the tactician began to give way to the partisan with a fear of Bolshevism.

From then on his chief thought was to keep ready to his hand an army of social defence against an imaginary revolution. No longer would he command victory.

To-morrow

The French Government leaves Paris for Tours. De Gaulle suggests making a desperate stand in Brittany. Arrangements made to go there are overruled through intervention of Mme. de Portes and the "Peace party," who want Bordeaux. Weygand demands that a request be made for an armistice.

France—the Whole Truth

Third Article

by ELIE J. BOIS

Famous Paris Editor and for 20 years an intimate of France's leading politicians. His death occurred in England yesterday.

days following, General Weygand, who had been summoned and who had come in order to be the saviour, believed in the possibility of saving.

That was the impression I had after a talk with M. Reynaud on May 25.

"Weygand," he declared, "is reassuringly clear-headed. Marshal Petain is ready for anything that may be asked of him."

"Yesterday we went together to see what the defences of Paris are like—just in case it should be necessary to defend Paris."

"And it will be defended?"

"Tooth and nail."

"Can He Do It?"

I reminded him discreetly that on May 16 some members of the Government had insinuated that Paris should be evacuated. He replied in brisk, ardent, staccato sentences:

"It was Gamelin who scared people. I ordered him to defend Paris at any price."

"We have gained the ascendancy again, and I assure you there's no longer any question of leaving Paris defenceless."

"Even if you went to Tours it would be scarcely less dangerous than Paris."

"Obviously. Unfortunately we haven't enough planes, enough material. Oh!" he exclaimed. "That—" And, raising despairing arms, he pro-

tween two or three conspirators, visits made to one another by the apostles of a new mysticism. Their object was to win over as many people as possible to the necessity of defeat.

Defeat? Yes. Defeat! By asking for an armistice at once, they argued, good peace terms would be obtained.

Thanks to Mussolini, Hitler would be magnanimous, well content to have a few ports at their disposal against England, with whom France could then break off alliance. In writing this I am putting forward nothing of which I am not certain.

I say that persons of importance—and I know the name of one to whom Marshal Petain's Government recently assigned a prominent position—made to several people confidential remarks which I can sum up as follows:

France is in need of defeat. Defeat is necessary for her regeneration. Victory would strengthen the political regime which has led to her moral ruin.

Anything is preferable to the continuation of so perfidious a regime.

Defeat followed by a rapid peace will perhaps cost us a province, a few ports, some colonies. What is that in comparison with France's regeneration, which is indispensable?

Conspiracy

One of the people the group wished to convince, because her salon was the meeting-place of a number of distinguished men and women who might be useful propagandists was at first indignant at the monstrosity of the plan.

So they invoked the authority of the men who were the apos-

DESTINY Greek Premier On Last Strongholds

CANEA, Crete, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—"Destiny has chosen two islands as the last but worthy rampart of the free peoples of Europe—the great island of Britain and this Greek island," declared Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos, the Greek Prime Minister, in a speech here to-day.

"The people of these islands are fighting the supreme battle of liberty. A black flood has swept over Europe. Humanity has known in the past similar barbaric invasions but the civilisation of free men always prevailed.

"A moving spectacle of resistance to the aggressors has been presented by even small islands like Lemnos and Samothrace, and the splendid example set by the Greek people as a whole in fighting six months against an empire.

"We have come to this land of liberty and courage in order that we should not allow ourselves to be enslaved and to continue the fight."

Australian Donation
SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Presenting the Consul General for Greece, Mr. M. Vrisakis, with a cheque for £50,000, proceeds of the Greek Day appeal, the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Alexander Blair, said that no one in his right senses would have doubted that the Empire would aid Greece.

Expressing gratitude that Australia was giving all possible support to Greece, Mr. Vrisakis said that the Anzacs fought with undaunted courage beside the valiant Greek army. The mutual sacrifice would not be in vain.

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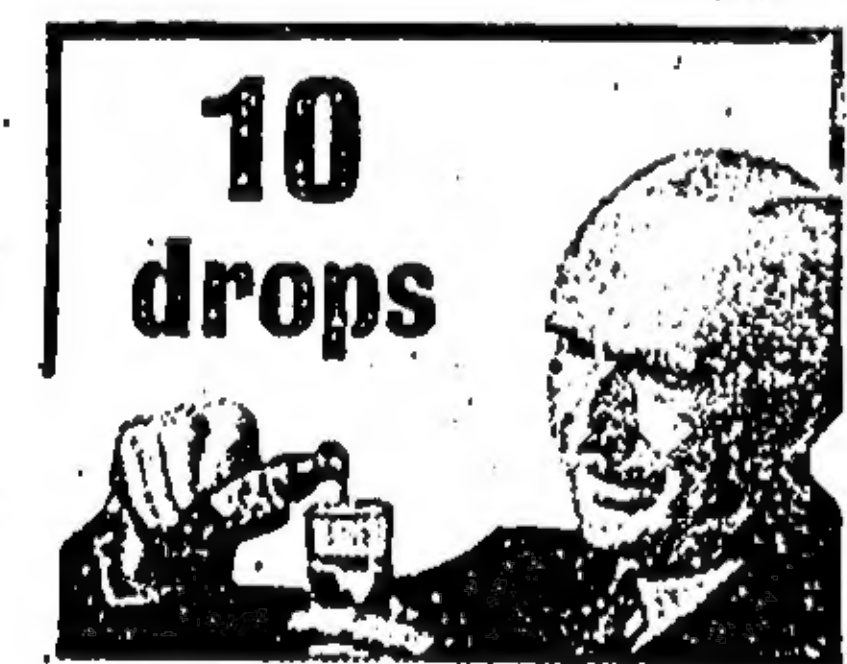
SYDNEY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. D. O. Watkins, Member of the House of Representatives for Newcastle, New South Wales, one of the strongest Labour constituencies, declared to-day that Labour should either attempt to govern or enter the National Government.

He is the first Labour member to express publicly views which are held privately by many other Labour members.

Fadden To Churchill
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The Acting Australian Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, has cabled Mr. Churchill: "You have the full support of Australia in your great work," according to newspaper reports from Sydney.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (UP).—The Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, to-day assured Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, of the unity of Australia and Britain regarding the prosecution of the war and transmitted to Mr. Hull copies of the statements of Labour leader John Curtin and Acting Premier Mr. A. W. Fadden containing similar aims.

Mr. Casey discussed many matters with Mr. Hull and said the latter indicated there were some "interesting long range views" on the Far East.



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R. A. F. "Suicide" Warplanes Attack German Destroyers

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Defying a heavy storm of A.A. fire, British Blenheim bombers to-day pressed home an attack from a low altitude on two enemy destroyers escorting supply ships off the Dutch coast.

Their bombs were seen to strike home and one of the enemy warships was later seen spouting a great volume of smoke and came to a standstill, says the Air Ministry.

Four aircraft are missing. Bombs were dropped on a factory and railway yards at Moppel, near the Zuyder Zee, and other targets were destroyed. One aircraft is missing. British fighters destroyed an enemy bomber off the Dutch coast. One fighter is missing.

Channel Patrols
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. is believed to have carried out offensive patrols on the other side of the Channel again to-day.

There was considerable air activity over the Straits of Dover and the southeast coast of England.

Small formations of British fighters and a group of bombers with fighter escorts were seen flying towards the French coast.

New Heavy Bomber
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A new Stirling heavy bomber of the R.A.F. Bomber Command carried out a daring and successful daylight attack on Emden to-day, it is learned in London.

The aircraft came down to a low altitude, dropped a heavy load of bombs and then opened machine-gun fire from a height of 1,500 feet.

Keynes To Visit U. S.

Financial Genius
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The famous British economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, member of the Economic Advisory Council, is making a brief visit to Washington at the request of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to confer with the United States Administration and the British Supply Council on the operation of the Lease and Lend Act and other related matters.

The name of Keynes has been much before the British public since the outbreak of war in connection with his plan for compulsory savings aimed at curtailing private expenditure. The general idea of this plan was borrowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the new budget which provides for crediting to tax-payers a portion of their income tax for use by them after the war.

Mr. Keynes was a civil servant for 13 years and is now back at the Treasury. He drafted some intricate agreements for Inter-Allied Loans in the last war and was the Treasury's principal adviser at the Peace Conference.

ROOSEVELT NOW IN CHUNGKING

Captain James Roosevelt, Marine Corps, and his companion Major Thomas, should be in Chungking now. They left early this morning for the capital of Free China after a quiet day in which they were received by H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and were entertained to luncheon at the American Club.

North Africa Destination
Captain Roosevelt told representatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. H. H. Kung and others that he was accompanying the President's wishes.

He revealed that his destination was originally Greece, but now he supposed he, as well as Major Gerald Thomas, who is accompanying him, will act as observers in North Africa.

Admires Scenery
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Apr. 29 (UP).—Captain James Roosevelt arrived at 8.15 a.m. from Hongkong to-day. His first remark after landing was "this is such beautiful scenery."

STOCK EXCHANGE Prices Firmly Held

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the market was firmly held, heartened by the Premier's speech, but business was very quiet and was largely confined to gilt-edged securities which were unchanged on the day.

Among the Industrials, Cable and Wireless, were strong, while motors and some steel were slightly higher. Oils were quiet, Attack and Anglo-Iranian being lower. Kaffirs were idle.

In the foreign market, Egyptian bonds were unified and firm. Wall Street was hesitant.

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—German air activity over Britain to-day was very slight. A few bombs were dropped on the northeast coast of Scotland and on the east and north-east coast of England, but very small damage was done.

Few people were injured, says the official British communiqué.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on Chiu Yu-sum, 20, Junior Immigration Assistant, of No. 173 Hommes Road, ground floor, Wanchai, when convicted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning on attempted larceny from the person of an unknown Chinese male in Johnston Road, Wanchai, on Friday night.

Emperor of Japan's Birthday Reception

The 40th birthday of the Emperor of Japan, His Imperial Majesty Hirohito, K.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., was celebrated at a reception held by the Japanese Consul General, Mr. Seki Yano, at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, when over 120 guests including His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General A. E. Gransell, Unofficial and Official members of the Government, members of the Consular Corps and others honoured the toasts.

Consul General's Toast
Mr. Yano said:—It is my great honour and privilege to have Your Excellency, the Governor of Hongkong, my dear Colleagues of the Consular Body and other distinguished guests representing various nations at this reception in celebration of the 40th anniversary of His Imperial Majesty's Birthday.

I am very much pleased to inform you that His Majesty is in excellent health, although busy day and night dealing with state affairs. His Majesty has been deeply concerned about the world crisis and has made constant efforts to bring about peace, prosperity and happiness to the Japanese nation as well as to all mankind.

On this occasion of celebration, I cannot but recall to mind that the traditional friendship, in the form of alliance, which existed between Great Britain and Japan, once saved the Far East from the Russian invasion and marked on history a brilliant page: an eternal contribution to world civilization. I am confident that the same spirit, still kept alive in the hearts of both nations, will be rekindled by means of mutual understanding to serve as a stabilising factor in the Far East.

Your Excellencies, Your Honours, Ladies and Gentlemen, I hereby beg you to join with me and drink to the health of His Britannic Majesty.

Governor's Speech
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, in proposing the health of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, said:

Mr. Yano, Your Excellency, Your Honours, Ladies and Gentlemen: All British people here to-day will have heard with high appreciation the amiable terms in which the Japanese Consul-General has proposed the health of His Britannic Majesty; and as His Majesty's representative in this Colony, I gratefully acknowledge the toast.

I can assure you, Mr. Consul-General, that it is the wish of the British people to continue to live on the friendliest terms with your distinguished nation, with whom we have much in common. I agree wholeheartedly with you when you say that mutual understanding between us would greatly help this quarter of the world to achieve and maintain stability.

It is with deep pleasure that we have heard that His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, is in good health. His Majesty's endeavours in the cause of peace are well-known to us in Great Britain and I pray that he may long be spared for that most noble work, and that he may be successful therein. We offer His Majesty our most respectful congratulations and good wishes on his birthday.

Mr. Yano, on behalf of your guests I beg to thank you for your charming hospitality to-day.

I call on all present to join me in drinking the health of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan.

Hitler Gets Down To Colonies

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Preparations are being made to form a German Colonial Ministry, said a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman to-day. The spokesman added that Germany regarded her colonial claims irrevocable.

De Gaullists At Borders Of French Somaliland

VICHY, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French forces supported by British motorised units are massed on the southern frontier of French Somaliland, particularly in the neighbourhood of Daouenne Station on the Djibuti-Addis Ababa Railway, according to a dispatch from Djibuti, capital of French Somaliland.

The official French news agency says that the French Government has issued the "necessary instructions" and that "there can be no question of our colony entering into negotiations with the Free French."

The agency adds the other Free French forces are believed to have landed in Zella in the northern part of French Somaliland.

Spontaneous Revolt
LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Free French Headquarters state that the Vichy Government is circulating rumours concerning Free French forces supported by British units near the French colony of Djibuti.

DIVORCE HEARING

No Evidence On Domicile

A petition for divorce was brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Divorce Court this morning by Mrs. Maria Fernanda Ribeiro Cabral de Carvalho against Mr. Eduardo Henrique Cabral de Carvalho.

The ground for the petition was stated to be adultery, and Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the petitioner. Respondent was not present in Court, nor was he represented. Chan Ying was named as co-respondent.

After evidence had been given by the petitioner and witnesses, his Lordship pointed out to Mr. Chen that no evidence had been given as to domicile.

Mr. Chen apologised for the omission and asked for an adjournment, saying that he would produce evidence of domicile at the next hearing.

The case was adjourned to May 12.

Unlicensed Transmitters

Five men were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with possession of wireless transmitters and receiving apparatus without the necessary licence, sale permit or letter of exemption.

Defendants were Sum Hing-chung, 32, reporter of the "Kwok Ming Tong", Luk Kam-wah, 23, shop master of the Tai Chung Stationery Shop, Chan Chit, 28, unemployed, Luk Kung, 28, student, and Cheung Sik-tung, 28, Chinese. Inspector and Statistic Bureau.

Mr. D. W. Waterton, Senior Inspector of Wireless, prosecuted. Defendants were remanded for a week and bail of \$2,000 was allowed.

Car Windows Broken

Mr. W. J. Knight, of 520 The Peak, reports that between 4 p.m. on April 27 and 7 p.m. yesterday, some one broke open the window of his car parked at Connaught Road Central, and stole a rain coat, valued \$10. The car was damaged to the extent of \$10.

Mr. D. Mitchell, of 523 The Peak, reports that some one forced open the front window of his car, which was parked in Statue Square yesterday, and stole a pair of shoes, valued \$15. Damage to the car was estimated at \$10.

Greek Assets Frozen

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day ordered that immediate freezing of Greek credits and cash in the United States.

Mr. King Poo-lue, of the Central Bank of China, reports the theft of \$5,000 Chinese currency from his office opposite the Kai Tak Aerodrome, Kowloon City, yesterday.

IRAN & IRAQ

British Troops Sway Opinion

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The arrival of British troops in Iraq has had a most reassuring effect upon Iran public opinion in view of the close ties between Iraq and Iran, which are linked by the Saadabad Treaty.

A certain section of the Iran press, however, has played up news of the German successes in Greece and the advance in Libya, according to reliable news received in London, states "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent.

There is much speculation as to the German plans and the attitude of Turkey is watched with the greatest interest.

Quo Tai-chi Busy In Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, who received an ovation, with Dr. Hu Shih, from a large Washington audience on Sunday night, starts a busy programme on Tuesday which will bring him in contact with many important Congressional and Administration leaders.

On Tuesday he will see Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, then President Roosevelt and later Mr. Henry Wallace, the Vice-President.

On Tuesday night, the Embassy will be the scene of a dinner at which Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, and Senator Alben Barkley, the Majority Leader, will be present.

Embassy Reception
On Wednesday, Dr. Quo will call on Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator, and in the afternoon he will be the guest of honour at a big reception in the Embassy gardens, to be attended by representatives of the official, diplomatic, social and press sections in Washington.

On Thursday, Dr. Quo will be the guest of Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, at lunch. On Friday he will lunch with Mr. Cordell Hull and on the same evening will meet, at a dinner at the Chinese Embassy, Mr. Jesse Jones, Judge Felix Frankfurter and Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee of Foreign Relations.

War Courts For Britain

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—War Zone Courts to operate in any area invaded or heavily bombed have been formally established throughout England and Wales.

An order has been made by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, under the Defence Regulations dividing the country into 12 districts, broadly corresponding to the Civil Defence regions.

A number of High Court judges will be appointed to act as Presidents of the Courts which cannot function until an area has been declared a war zone by the Minister of Home Security.

Only cases of crime calling for speed will be dealt with and panel of judges will review death sentences or other cases where the President of a Court certifies that there should be a review.

First Case Uncontested

The first case to be brought before the new Peace Judge, Mr. Justice P.E.F. Cressall, in the Summary Court this morning was one for possession of premises known as No. 145 Lockhart Road, first floor, Wanchai.

Plaintiff was a woman, But Kwai-fong, of 72 Queen's Road East, first floor, who claimed possession of the premises from Pau Tin-hung, \$41 in rent, mesne profits from February 17, the date of expiry of the notice to Defendant to quit, and costs of the action.

Mr. D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Plaintiff. Defendant was absent from Court and unrepresented.

After formal evidence His Lordship gave judgment for the Plaintiff on the claim and costs.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE

A new lighthouse has been erected and a light established on Tanjong Barran in lat. 04 degrees 35' 44" N., long. 113 degrees 58' 27" E. (approx). The light is group flashing, giving three flashes every 20 seconds. It is visible at 17 miles.

Sikorski's Appeals To U.S. Poles

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—The visit of General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, to America has contributed in the highest degree to stimulating the war effort of 5,000,000 Poles, declare Polish circles.

His appeals to the Poles of America to help the British and Allied cause have been heard by large enthusiastic audiences in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

1940/41 Season Under Review

Greater Interest Shown In Junior Division

Pros And Cons Of The League

AND SO WE HAVE COME to the end of another season. I seem to have written that sentence so often. It means nothing to the youngsters, except, perhaps, hope for the future, and little for the early middle-aged. But for the older players it means a good deal that is, perhaps, somewhat depressing. One does not improve with age as wine does. Even the cricket scribe is tempted to wonder whether he will be writing of the next season. And so frankly I write in a somewhat sad frame of mind.

I had not indeed intended to write more than a few lines, perhaps of farewell, but I have been asked to state my views as to whether there should or should not be a League next season.

The great difficulty in making up my mind about the best course for the future is that I do not feel I have any really sound ground upon which to stand. I had expected cricket to be torn to pieces by the demands of military training. My expectation was entirely fulfilled.

However, the particularly bad weather with which we have been cursed during the season has made it almost impossible to sum up how we really stand.

Given the needs of the military, as things went, one must admit that the Senior Division of the League was a flop, but I find it very difficult to make up my mind how much to sheer dam' bad weather.

I have turned the matter over pretty carefully in my mind and I have come to a conclusion which will probably commend itself to very few.

That is to continue the Junior Division of the League but to scrap the Senior Division unless certain arrangements can be made. I will speak later of these arrangements.

My recommendation that the Junior League should continue is based largely on the fact that they seemed extremely keen about it, and that they have completed all their games.

It is possible that military duties do not press so heavily upon them as they do on the teams which have been playing in the Senior Division.

I make this statement with the utmost reserve, and it may be entirely incorrect.

The fact remains however that all games were played off and when the very last game, of all was played, a game which had no relation whatever to the winning of the Shield, I have never seen more keenly contested.

It was the only Second Division match that I have been able to watch right through, and I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity of watching such a keenly contested game, sheerly from the desire of each side to pull off a game which had nothing to do with the capturing of a

An Revoir Or Good Bye!

I CONFESS to some hopes of writing these notes again next season, but, after all, I have had a pretty long innings. Mr R. Abbit is, I believe, at the end of his 21st season of writing his notes here or there.

I may have included a year or so too much at the beginning, but I was certainly writing them to obtain contributions for the troops' cigarette fund before I went home in the Spring of 1923.

It has been a good innings, and I don't think I have ever really seriously quarrelled with anybody or hurt their feelings. If I have done so I am sorry.

I will refrain from copying Samuel and asking them to come out and bear witness against me, but I will express my sincere regret to anyone if I have inadvertently really hurt them. As I say, I hope that I may be enabled to write next season. This will then be an revoir. If not, let me bid you all good-bye.

shield. This is the right spirit and as it should be.

The Seniors

FROM WHAT I have seen and from what I have read this season I cannot say that the League has been in any way a success. I don't want to be dogmatic, and as I have said, it may be that the weather is at the bottom of it, but with an exception which I shall discuss later, I am personally of the opinion that there should be no senior League.

In the first place the Shield was intended for competition among all the Cricket clubs in the Colony. Now that the Army, the Navy and the Hongkong Club are unable to put teams in for the Senior Shield, it seems to me that the Shield is somewhat falling from its high estate.

In the second place there appeared to be the greatest difficulty in getting the fixtures in the Senior Division played off, but I do not in any way wish to enter into any form of argument. The fact remains that fixtures were not played off, and this again leads me to suggest that the Shield should be dropped next year.

A Possible Alternative

IF IT IS to be played for at all I suggest most strongly that it should be played as soon as possible after the first week in October.

Now that there are apparently two training periods, the old reason for playing after the first week of January is not existent.

I think there might be a universal let up over the Christmas and New Year holidays as matches between the full strength of the Hongkong Club and the Kowloon Club could be arranged then at home and away.

There is no doubt that the best match of the whole season was that between H.K.C.C. and K.C.C., and it is a great pity that the return could not be played on the K.C.C. Ground.

But if League there be it should be played in our better weather period.

A Final Reflection

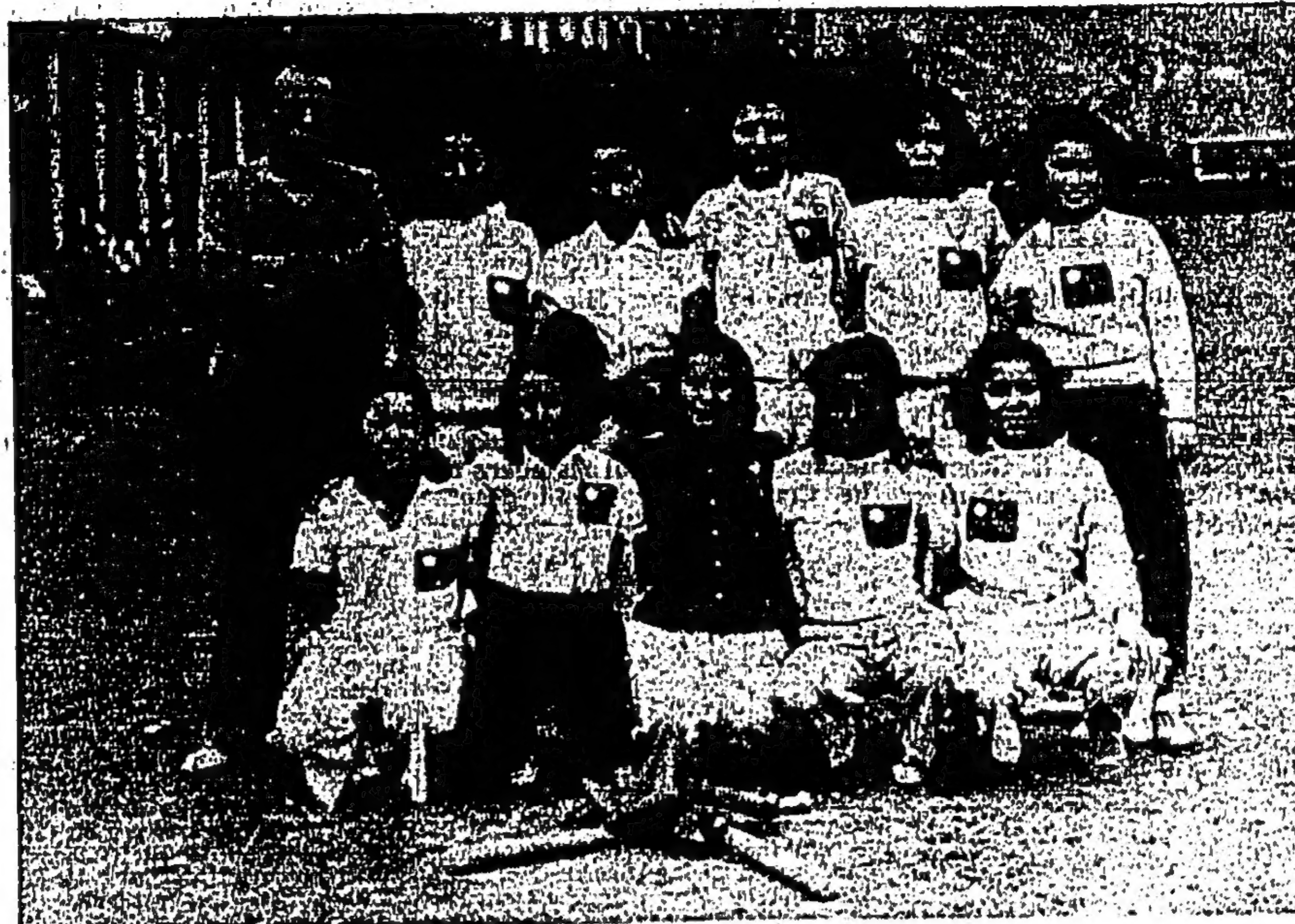
I HAVE BEEN considerably worried during the past months by the apparent lack of interest in the H.K.C.C. cricket. The unfortunate illness of Harry Owen Hughes, from which we hope to see him out again very shortly, has undoubtedly cramped the style of the Club.

The indefatigable Eric Mitchell has been off on leave towards the end of the season. Someone has got to get under the Club cricket. Alice and John Pearce have commissions. It would be pathetic for the oldest cricket Club in the Colony by tens of years to fall upon years of decay.

A possible solution seems to me is that as neither the Army nor the Club can put out regular sides they should amalgamate and play as the Club, for most of the Army officers (or I think so) are members of the Cricket Club.

All this may be a little visionary, but the onlooker does see a good deal of the game, and unless the Club First Eleven can be pulled together, it would be better to concentrate on the Second Eleven as an "A" team.

VICTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL TEAM



CHINA... The victorious international girls' team that retained the Softball Shield on Sunday in defeating Portugal. Standing: Grandpa Leung (Coach and manager), Mary Mar, Ulian Khoo, Rennie Yuen, Lily Mar, Margaret Young. Kneeling: Dot Louie, Virginia Chiu, Mary Ng, Doris Mar, Gloria Mar, Ming Yuen.

Badminton Finals At K.C.C. To-night

Tsui-Rumjahn Tennis Match Abandoned

THOUGH it seemed pretty obvious at 4.15 p.m. that the Colony Tennis Singles semi-final between Tsui Wal-pui and S. A. Rumjahn would not be played, yet a start was made at the Stand Court yesterday.

The heavy clouds threatened, and after one game the match was called off, not because of the rain—it had not yet fallen—but because of the bad light. It was not too soon, however, for the rain then came down in torrents.

S. A. Rumjahn commenced serving and led 40-15, but Tsui pulled up and took the first game.

The tickets for yesterday's match will be valid for the next match between these two players.

To-day's Matches

At the time of writing, it is most doubtful if any of the scheduled matches to-day will be played. Matches to-day are those of the Club Championships, and the premier one will be that between M. Pagh (holder) and Capt. R. E. Guest in the Championship Singles semi-final. This will be on the Stand Court.

It has not been decided yet, but in all probability the Club ground will be closed.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 28 (Reuters).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 3:

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Scotland v. England.

LONDON CUP
Chelsea v. Queens' Park Rangers; Arsenal v. Tottenham.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE (SOUTH)
Tottenham v. Southampton; Brighton v. Watford; Luton v. Portsmouth; Norwich v. Southend.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v. Fulham; Crystal Palace v. Clapton Orient; Northampton v. Millwall; Reading v. West Bromwich Albion; West Ham v. Brentford.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Barnsley v. Chesterfield; Blackpool v. Manchester City; Bradford v. Rotherham; Burny v. Oldham; Halifax v. Middlesbrough; Manchester United v. Liverpool; Newcastle v. Leeds; Preston v. Blackburn; Hovers; Rochdale v. Wrexham.

REGIONAL MATCHES
Chester v. Stoke City; Doncaster v. Mansfield Town.

WEST REGIONAL LEAGUE
Bristol City v. Cardiff City; Lovell Athletic v. Bath City.

MIDLAND CUP FINAL
Leicester City v. Walsall.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SECOND ROUND)
Everton v. Burnley.

SCOTTISH SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Aberdeen v. Dumbarton; Hearts v. Queen's Park; St. Mirren v. Third Lanark.

P.H. Wong Defends Title Against K.W. Choy

(By "Tinker")

ACCOMMODATION at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-night will certainly be taxed. The first three finals of the 1941 Colony Badminton Championships will commence at 8.30 p.m. These matches will be:

8.30 p.m. Women's Doubles.—Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Torrible.

9 p.m. Men's Doubles.—A. L. Fisher and W. V. Blyth v. C. C. Forde and A. E. Xavier.

9.30 p.m. Men's Senior Singles.—P. H. Wong v. K. W. Choy.

At 8 p.m., however, the semi-final match between T. S. Young and D. Chelliah in the Men's Junior Singles will be played off. This game was postponed from last week.

Women's Doubles

ON RESPECTIVE FORM, one concedes the edge to the Recreation girls for the Women's Doubles title. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Torrible have been none too encouraging in their previous matches, and though at the commencement of the competition, odds were much in the latter's favour, their showing has been below expectations.

Miss Silva and Miss Xavier have shown the better combination, and greater command of shots. Mrs. Zimmerman has been inclined to be nervous, however, and spectators have not seen her at her best. And should she be able to forget her surroundings, in Mrs. Torrible she has a great partner and they may yet justify the confidence that many have placed in them.

Senior Singles

THOUGH most people may be inclined to the idea that K. W. Choy is a certain winner for the Men's Singles, there is the unanimous opinion that the match will be one of the finest yet seen in the Colony Championships.

Choy has certainly brought a better brand of badminton to the Colony, and his presence lifts the Tournament far above the standards of previous years.

M. P. Young, last week, showed that it was possible to break through Choy's defence when he extended the latter in the first game of their semi-final. Patrick Wong is a player of the same type, and though he has been inclined to be erratic in his matches to date, he is not one to give up when things are going wrong.

In his doubles match he seemed to let Choy's redoubtable reputation affect his play, and it that were the case, if he is able to scout that mental hazard from the outset, the greater number of critics may be confounded to-night.

Junior Doubles

MUCH DEPENDS ON A. E. Xavier in the Junior Doubles. Perera has proved his worth, though over-inclined to smash, and if Xavier can continue the improvement he has shown over the last two matches, Recreo may yet take the Junior title.

Fisher and W. V. Blyth are a stout pair, but not as far as Junior standards are concerned, unbeatable.

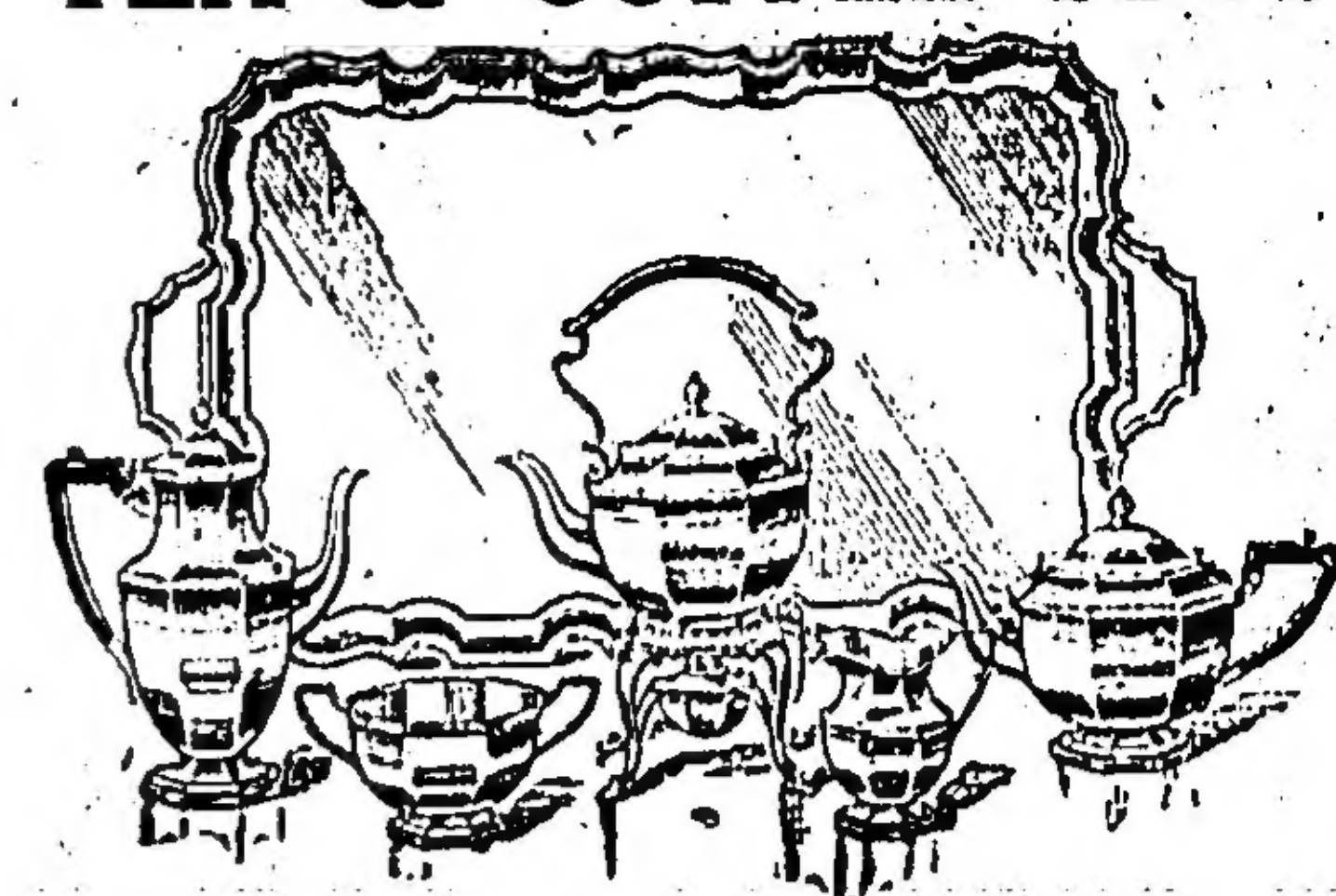
Probable Starters For Two Thousand Guineas

London, Apr. 28.

Probable starters and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas to be run on Wednesday are—Mr. Sawyer (Bridgeland), Usenge (E. Smith), De-vonlin (Perryman), Solim Hassan (Henry), Sollum (C. Richards), Star-wort (J. Taylor), King's Jester (Get-hin), Annatom (S. Wragg), Morogoro (J. Wragg), Owen Tudor (G. Richards), Burnham Bow (Lowrey), Sunceste (Bensley), Orthodox (D. Smith), The Derby Star (Maher), Sunray (A. Wragg), Camperdown (Littlewood), Chandra (Lacey), Sunny Island (Nevett), Lambersimnel (El-jott), Fairy Prince (Lace), Reuler.

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Philippines Civilian Defence Programme

By ROBERT P. MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

MANILA, April 28 (UP).—Spurred by the recent informal Anglo-American conversations at Manila, during which the entire tactical and strategic position of American-Philippine forces in relation to British defences in the Far East were reported to have been discussed, the Commonwealth is pushing ahead its own programme of civilian defence in preparation for any emergency.

Although civilian defences were apparently not discussed when Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Far East, conferred here with the highest United States defence officials in the Philippines, the demonstration of Anglo-American preparations served as a decided stimulant to the hitherto "there's-plenty-of-time" attitude of the Commonwealth.

Philippine officials welcome Washington reports that funds may be made available, either from the excise sugar tax and gold devaluation funds or by an Export-Import Bank loan, for Philippine civilian defence, pointing out that lack of funds has been the chief handicap in development of the programme in the past.

The National Emergency Committee, presided over by Secretary of National Defence Teodoro Sison, has drawn up the following measures, any or all of which may be carried out in line with recommendations by American defence officials:—

Eight Point Programme

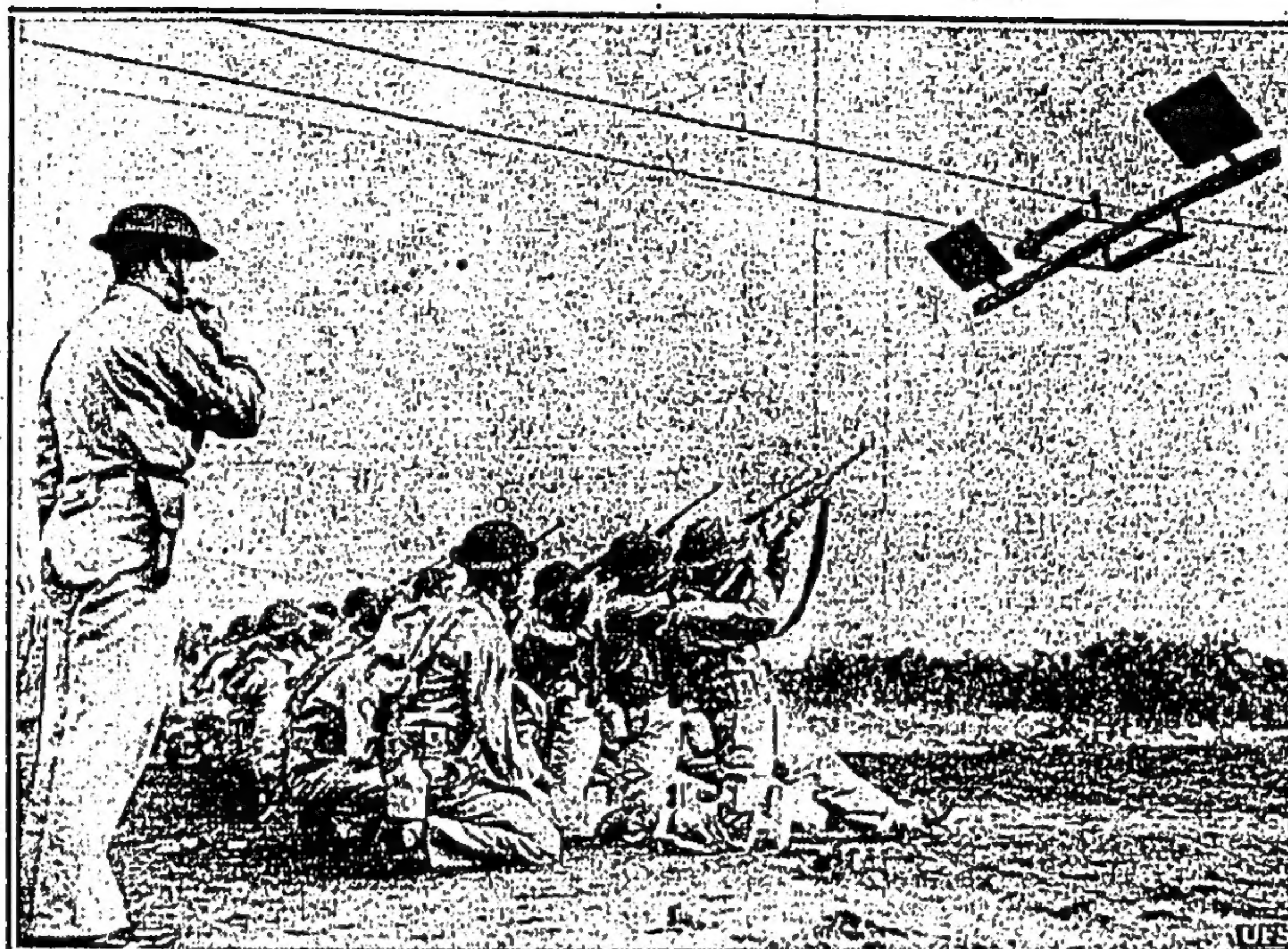
1. Evacuation of women and children and non-essential men from cities like Manila and designation of evacuation areas;
2. Construction by the government as well as private enterprises of emergency shelters for government employees and for those who must remain in populous areas to carry on activities of the government;
3. Maintenance and protection of vital public utilities;
4. Acquisition and storage of petroleum, gasoline and oil;
5. Assurance of essential food commodities and a pure water supply. This will involve storing of reserve food supplies like canned goods, meat, flour and dairy products;
6. Maintenance of communication lines, most important of which is the safeguarding of electric power;
7. Storage of essential serums and purchase of needed surgical instruments;
8. Creation of volunteer guards in all localities, composed of civilians.

Secretary Sison pointed out that the volunteer guards will help to enforce air raid measures. The unit will be composed entirely of civilian volunteers and will not include the Philippine Constabulary.

A. R. P. Measures

Sison pointed out that air raid shelters will not be effective in Manila—underground shelters are deemed impossible to build because of swampy terrain, while steel and concrete is lacking for other types of shelters—and warned that the best precaution against any air attack is to disperse the population to areas without military objectives.

Practise black-outs will be held in Manila and other major cities as soon as local groups have been organised and trained.



AIR TARGET—This is how U. S. Marines at Camp Elliot, San Diego, Cal., are taught rapid fire against a dive-bomber attack. Moving target on cable simulates bomber diving from 1,500 feet in six seconds. Men barely have time to fire five rounds. Instructor at left.

GERMANS DEGRADING POLISH POPULATION

Systematic attempts to complete the demoralisation of Poles in German-occupied Poland were described in New York recently by Dr Josef P. Junosza, Warsaw high school teacher who has escaped.

Describing all Polish life in the area as that of a concentration camp, the 41-year-old teacher said the invaders had doggedly rooted out intellectuals and centres of culture.

All Polish school manuals, libraries, museums and scientific collections had been destroyed, he said, as had monuments of men like Kosciuszko and Chopin.

The extent to which the Nazis were willing to go to beat down Polish national consciousness and self-respect, Dr Junosza added, was exemplified by two types of "favours" they allowed the oppressed Poles.

Gambling Started

First, he said, the Germans established gambling casinos, where Poles might play roulette with their remaining money.

A special ticket permitting the bearer to stay up till midnight was issued to those visiting the casinos, he said; otherwise the curfew was 8 p.m.

The casinos served, he said, both to impoverish the Poles further and to head them deeper toward the degradation their temporary masters seem to have planned for them. German patronage was not allowed.

Pornography

Toward the same end, he continued, was the German handling of the press. All official publications, in both Polish and German, he said, were managed by the Nazis. Beyond that Poles were prohibited from publishing anything except the most obvious pornography. This, he said, was encouraged.

Calling Up Americans By Classes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, April 28 (UP).—Selective service officials are considering plans to limit compulsory military training within a year or two to men between the ages of 21 and 25.

The present age range is 21 to 35, inclusive.

Officials said reduction of the age range would make it possible at some later date to reorganise the present scheme under the European system—calling all youths for military service when they reach a specific age, such as 18 or 21 years.

The plan to reduce the age limit is based on the theory that the United States will remain at peace. Officials explain that even though the United States remains out of the war, it will be necessary to maintain a large potential army.

No final decision regarding the change has been made, and if it is decided to go ahead, congressional action would be necessary.

Singapore Has "Scrap Week"

To Help War Effort

A Big drive is being organised in Singapore to collect scrap and materials generally to help win the war.

A "Scrap Week" will start shortly it is officially announced. The following things are particularly required:

1. All forms of metallic scrap, including scrap-iron, steel, brass, copper, etc., aluminium utensils (such as old saucepans, thermos containers, etc.), metal containers (such as empty tooth paste tubes), clean cigarette tins, etc.
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Absolute Rule Ended In Sarawak

ABSOLUTE rule by the Brookes, white Rajahs of Sarawak, has ended. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the Rajah, has vested legislative power in the Committee of Administration.

The new constitution which Sir Charles has directed the Committee to draw up will be "a form of Government on a broader basis which will facilitate the gradual development of a representative government on democratic principles."

In making the proclamation at Kuching, the capital, Sir Charles said: "By voluntarily surrendering these great (legislative) powers, I feel that I shall be making a contribution towards the interests and welfare of the people commensurate with the spirit in which the first Rajah received the government of this country—and the auspiciousness of this centenary year."

Sir Charles proclaimed his brother, Capt. Bertram Brooke, the Tuan Muda of Sarawak, to be his heir to the Raj.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S TWO MEN SLAIN!



Start Free Rumania Movement

EFFORTS are being made to form a Free Rumania movement in the Far East, with headquarters in Singapore.

The requisite sanction of the Straits Settlement Government is being sought by M. Reno Untermanns, brother of the former Rumanian Consul-General at Antwerp, at the instigation of Dr V. Tillea, former Rumanian Ambassador in London.

Dr Tillea resigned from his post to become head of the Free Rumanian movement in Britain following his country's seizure by Germany.

M. Untermanns, a former consul officer in Antwerp before he was forced to flee to France, received a cable from Dr Tillea appealing for his collaboration in beginning a Far East Free Rumania movement.

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Stokowski Resigns As Conductor

Ending an association of 29 years, Leopold Stokowski will terminate next season his relationship with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1936 Mr Stokowski has made only guest appearances with the orchestra and is scheduled for six more of these this season. He will then, it was announced, definitely lay down his baton with the orchestra which he is generally conceded to have brought to a high level of virtuosity.

Mr Stokowski first made his appearance as Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conductor on Oct. 11, 1912, coming to it from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, which he had served since 1909.

London born, he went to the United States after studies at Oxford and the Paris Conservatoire to be organist and choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York.

Invasion Threat To Malaya Exists

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who had not yet arrived from the United Kingdom.

Shanghai Speculation
SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—A possibility that Japan will shortly launch upon a penetration of Southern Indo-China, including Saigon and Camranh Bay, is suggested by foreign observers in Shanghai.

These observers think that the time has come when Japan, for psychological reasons, may be expected to attempt to show some fruits from the Soviet pact and Mr Matsukata's visit to Berlin in the way of a southward expansion.

They believe that the sudden Japanese press campaign against Saigon and Southern Indo-China may be the forerunner of such an expansion.

General Motors Earnings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (UP).—The first quarter report of the General Motors Corporation shows a gross income of \$129,750,337; however, the net earnings after deducting taxes equalled \$144 per share compared with \$1.50 for the same period last year. Before the taxes are deducted, the earnings increased by 52.1 per cent.

Total taxes exceed \$65,000,000 compared with \$19,303,000 last year. Total sales were 45.2 per cent. higher in unit value and the pay rolls were increased by 57.7 per cent.

Ship Seizure By Italian Marines

SHANGHAI, Apr. 28 (Reuter).—An early settlement is expected of the Italian seizure of the Yugo-Slav steamer, Tomislav.

Following Japanese and Italian discussions, eight members of the Chinese Maritime Customs police boarded the steamer to-day and will share the watch with Italian guards until the incident is settled.

Powers For O.P.M.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee to-day approved the request made by the Office of Production Management for broad powers to impose priorities and ration all materials needed to produce war supplies for the United States and Britain.

The legislation is expected to reach the floor of the House this week.

LATE NEWS



ISLAND PRISONERS—This Cable picture shows some of the 225 German prisoners captured in the recent surprise raid by the British on Lofoten Islands, off Norway coast. Blindfolded, they are being marched to British ships.

THEY WILL SHOOT THE CARTOONISTS

CARTOONISTS who draw anti-Government cartoons in Rumania will be shot. And anyone heard singing political songs in the streets will get from five to fifteen years' hard labour.

These penalties were included in a new criminal code issued by Antonescu in Bucharest recently as part of the drastic measures to suppress all opposition to the Nazi puppet Government.

More than twenty crimes were made punishable by execution, to be carried out ten hours after sentence. A special punishment for Communists now figures for the first time in Rumanian law.

Attitude to Jews
The law stipulates that Jews and members of minorities will be subjected to more drastic penalties. Punishments include confiscation of property and ban on carrying on any intellectual profession.

Rebels Defiant
Friends who have been allowed to visit Rumanian rebels in prison say they are in the highest spirits, singing legionary songs and not showing the faintest sign of repentance. Under Antonescu's orders the warders are treating them humanely.

There is a growing feeling among the public that they are being far more leniently treated than they deserve though several are receiving long terms of imprisonment.

Among the rebels whose trial has been concluded is Sandu, formerly a chauffeur, who for three days was under the impression that he was Minister of Justice.

NEW U.S.-EUROPE AIR SERVICE

Mr Juan T. Trippe, President of Pan-American Airways announced in New York recently that his company will inaugurate a non-stop landplane service between the United States and Europe next year. High altitude machines will be used for the service.

Gram Swing "Adopts" An English Boy

WAR-TIME guest of American commentator Raymond Gram Swing at Westport, Connecticut, is 10-year-old John Gabriel Newfield, of Great Bardfield, Essex.

He crossed the Atlantic last year with 100 other evacuees.

When told with whom he was going to stay he was startled. "Not that big man who talks to us on the radio?"

But Johnny's guess was right, and his playmate these days is John Temple Swing, that "big man's" 11-year-old son.

Johnny's mother told a London reporter that "Mr and Mrs Gram Swing wanted an English boy as a companion for their own son."

EDUCATION GETS MORE AID

Education in Britain is not being allowed to suffer, as a result of the war. In fact, it is receiving its full measure of Government support—and a little more. Estimated expenditure by the Board of Education for the year ending March 31, 1942, will be £24,915,639, an increase of £2,290,000. Biggest increase—£1,532,480—will be on the elementary side.

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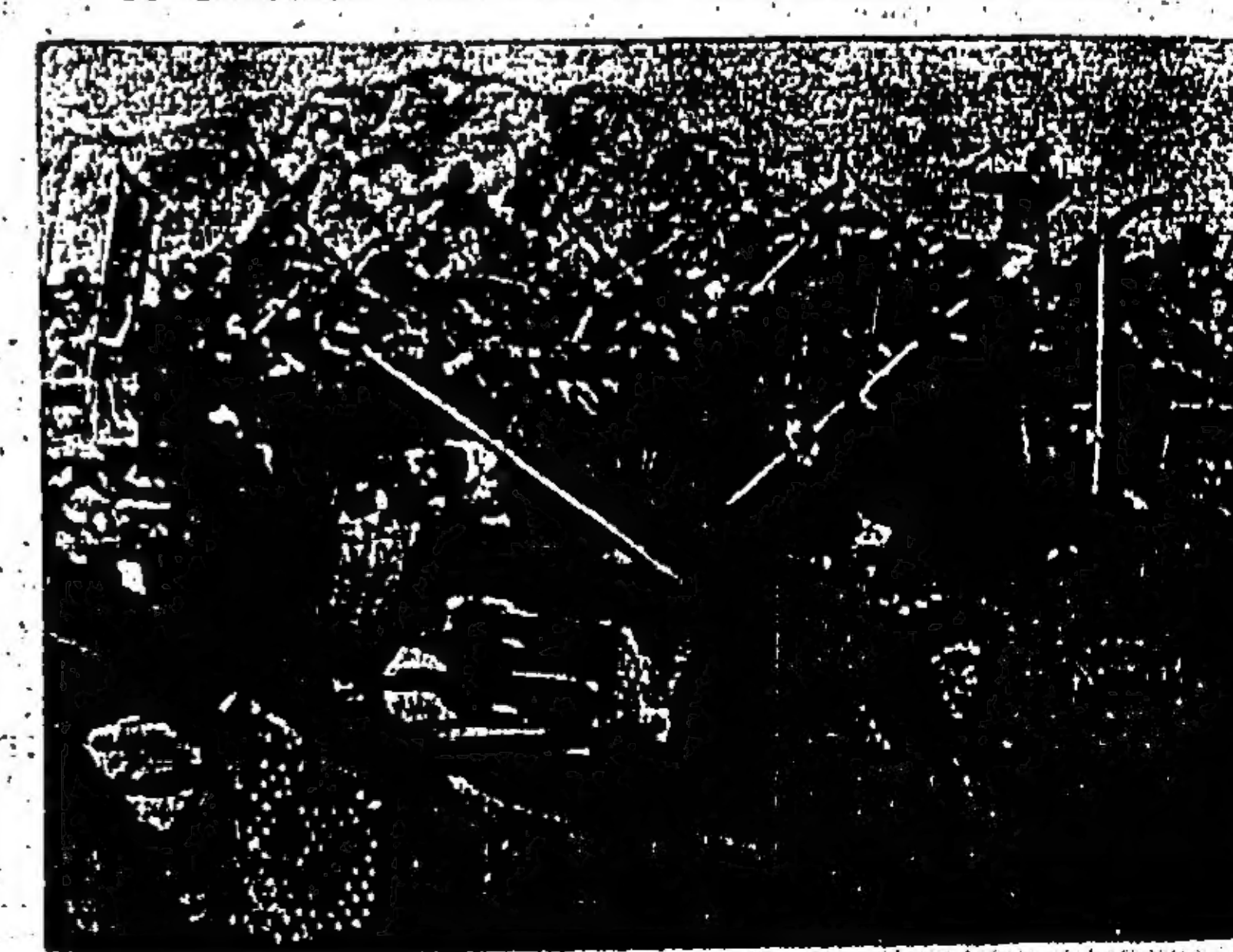
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